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ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORIAM. (1914-1918.)

BRAYDEN—December 23, 1917, killed in action at Jerusalem, Kevin, Lieutenant, London Irish, third son of W. H. Brayden, Shankill. "Dissoluta terrestris hujus incolatus domo aeterna in coelis habitatio comparatur."

BIRTHS.

ARMSTRONG—December 15, 1926, at Robinstown House, Kells, the wife of W. Odium Armstrong, Solicitor, of a daughter.

BELL—December 20, 1926, at 3a Kidbrook Park road, Blackheath, London, S.E. 3, to Captain Herbert T. and Mrs. Bell, a son.

PARK—December 21, 1926, at 89 Lower Baggot street, to Hilda, wife of Cecil Park, Seamount, Malahide, a daughter.

PHILLIPS—December 20, 1926, at Ballybrophy, to Eileen, wife of Stephen Phillips, a son.

MARRIAGES.

ALLEN and O'DRISCOLL—On Thursday, December 16, 1926, at R.C. Church, Kinsale, by Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, C.C., John Allen, to Nellie O'Driscoll, both of Kinsale.

COPE and CORRY—December 1, 1926, at St. Ignatius Rectory, Park Avenue, New York City, by the Rev. D. Delihant, S.J., George Ernest Cope, only son of Mr. W. F. Cope and Mrs. Cope, Baltinglass, to Ethel Corry, third daughter of Mr. James Corry and the late Mrs. Corry, Tuam.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

DALLON—December 22, 1926, at her residence, Main street, Leixlip, Helena Dallon, late of Coldwells, Ballymore-Eustace. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), 24th, at 1 o'clock, from St. Mary's Church, Leixlip, to family burial ground, Rathmore (via Kill).

DAWSON—December 22, 1926, at his residence, Rathbride Manor, Kildare, Michael Dawson, Deeply regretted by his wife and family. R.I.P. Funeral to Milltown to-morrow (Friday), December 24th, at 2 o'clock. No flowers.

FLINN—December 17, 1926, at 39 Foyle street, Londonderry, Samuel J. Flinn, formerly Headmaster of St. Stephen's Green School, Dublin.

GUNN—December 16, 1926, Mary Catherine, widow of the late Christopher Gunn, M.D., of 125 St. Stephen's Green. Funeral strictly private.

HEWITT—December 21, 1926, the result of an accident, Robert David Hewitt, eldest son of R. J. Hewitt, Leitrim, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hewitt, Athlone. Funeral leaving Boyle at 1 p.m., arriving at 2 p.m. at Toomna to-day.

JACKSON—December 21, 1926, at his residence, 6 Duke street, Athy, County Kildare, George Whitford Jackson, in his 81st year. Funeral to St. Michael's at 1.30 p.m. to-day (Thursday).

LEE—December 21, 1926, suddenly, P. J. Lee, late Board of Works. R.I.P. Funeral from his late residence, Mervyn, Glenageary road, Dun Laoghaire, this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock to Dean's Grange.

LEGGE—December 20, 1926, at a Nursing Home, Chatham, after a long illness, Edward Vincent Legge, M.D., Duncan House, Sheerness, eldest son of the late John Vincent Legge, 26 Elgin road.

McKEE—December 22, 1926, Mary McKee, widow of the late Alexander McKee, and mother of the late Rev. Father David McKee, of Haddington road. R.I.P. Funeral from the Hospice for the Dying to-day (Thursday) at 11 a.m. for Glasnevin Cemetery.

MARTIN—December 20, 1926, at his residence, St. Ann's Hill, County Cork, suddenly, William Martin, aged 61, eldest son of the late William Martin, Belfast. Funeral private. No flowers.

MEENAN—December 21, 1926, at Ballycraigy, Muckamore, Antrim, Patrick Meenan, J.P. Funeral private.

MOORE—December 21, 1926, after a short illness, Anna M., dearly-beloved wife of Thomas Moore, 17 Windsor road, Dublin, and of Lisbrinney, Drum, County Monaghan, daughter of the late Joseph Adams, Rakane House, Cootehill. Funeral leaving at 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning for family burying ground, Ashfield, arriving by motor hearse at 1.30 p.m.

REID—December 22, 1926, Kathleen Knox, second eldest daughter of the late Dr. F. R. Reid, Monkstown, County Dublin. "Peace, perfect peace."

SMITH—December 18, 1926, at Edinburgh, Ellen Perry, wife of the late Rev. Crawford Smith, M.A., and daughter of the late Thomas Hartford, Abbeyleix.

VICARY—December 14, 1926, at Colby Beg, Colby, Isle of Man, Margaretta, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel N. Vicary, aged 76 years. Interred in Arbory Churchyard December 17th.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and **Miss Hanly**, Mount Veagh, Strokestown, desire to thank the many kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARNWELL—In memory of Thomas H. Barnwell, who died December 23, 1921. His high principles and splendid example made a deep impression upon me.—R. McG.

COX—In memory of my loving and devoted husband, John Robert Cox, who entered into Life on the 23rd December, 1925. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more partings, neither shall there be any more pain."

COX—In ever-loving memory of our darling Daddy, who entered into Life 23rd December, 1925. "Called, chosen, and faithful." Inserted by his loving children, 26 Duke street, Athy.

DUNCAN—In loving memory of dear mother, Sarah Duncan, who fell asleep January, 1915; also father, Thomas, December, 1923.—Alf.

KING—In ever-loving memory of Elizabeth Ledger King, whom God called Home 22nd December, 1916. "There is a green hill far away."

MacCARTHY—Second Anniversary—In sad and loving memory of my dear and youngest brother, George Peyton, who died December 23rd at Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. "With Christ, which is far better." Inserted by his loving sister, Susan, N.S.W.

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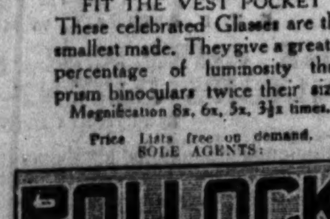

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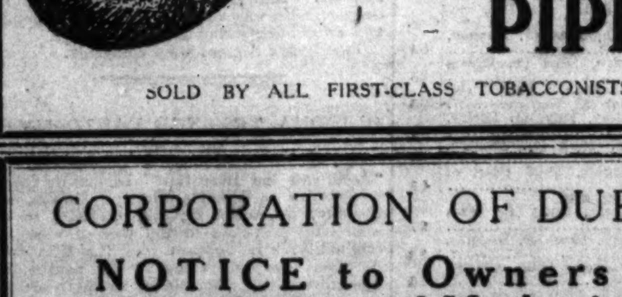

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF LEIX. DIVISION OF MARYBOROUGH—EQUITY SIDE. Between MARY AIRD and WILLIAM P. AIRD, trading as JAMES J. AIRD and SONS, Auctioneers, of Maryborough, in the County of Leix, Plaintiffs; MARGARET BOOTH, Executrix of the Will of John Booth, late of Ballydavis, in the County of Leix, Widow, Defendant.

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court Judge of above County, made in above suit, the creditors of John Booth, late of Ballydavis, in the County of Leix, who died on 25th day of May, 1926, are on or before the 20th day of January, 1927, to send by post prepaid to the County Registrar of said County, at his Office, Court House, Maryborough, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of said Decree. Every creditor holding any security is to produce same before the County Registrar at his Office, Court House, Maryborough, on the 10th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims. Dated this 21st day of December, 1926.

PATRICK J. MEEHAN, County Registrar for the County of Leix.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Goods of THOMAS O'BRIEN, late of Kilane, Edenderry, Offaly, Farmer, Deceased. All persons claiming to be creditors against the estate of above will please forward details of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors. Dated this 21st day of December, 1926. THOS. O'K. WHITE and SON, Solicitors, 1 Suffolk street, Dublin; and Edenderry.

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FOR Sale, 1924 "Hup" Tourer, privately owned and chauffeur cared. Apply J. S. Shepherd, M.F.H., Donerail. 8 17

FOR Sale, Two Seater A.C. £100; would take Sports motor cycle and side car in part payment.—W 117, this office. 19 D

FOR Sale, Ford Tourer, 1924, dynamo, batteries, new lighting tyres perfect; £55 or nearest offer.—"The Hall," Belgrave square, Rathmines. 20 E

FORD Tourer, good condition, fully equipped, electric lighting and starting, side curtains, 1926. Apply 20 F John M. Smith, 146 Rathmines road.

FOR Sale, Calthorpe Car, 1921, 4 Seater, £50; also Ford Car, 1925, 4 Seater, with 5 new balloon tyres, £40; both Cars in good running condition. Apply Marley, 17 Ballsbridge avenue. 20 E

FOR Sale, a 1926 4 Seater Clyno new, 9 horse power, complete with 4 wheel brakes, lamps, spare wheel, and tools, etc., etc.; also an Overland De Luxe, 1924, 15 h.p., in perfect order, and cover driven, complete with lamps, etc., etc. To be seen Clyno owner giving up motoring. Address "Z 2766, Motor," this office. 20 F

FOR Sale, Oakland Six, 1925, delivered March, 1924, owner driven, perfect order; owner having closed car. Can be seen at Limerick or Ennis by arrangement. Address "Z 2898, Car," this office. 22 X

MORRIS Oxford 1925 2 Seater Model, excellent condition throughout, completely equipped in every respect; entirely owner driven; taxed and insured; very smart Car; owner purchasing new Morris Car.—G. A. Brittain, Ltd., 4/15 Lincoln place, Dublin. 21 A

MORRIS Cowley 1925 2 Seater, very good condition throughout, complete equipment; rear compartment altered to carry traveller's samples; tax paid; owner driven; owner purchased new Morris Car.—G. A. Brittain, Ltd., 4/15 Lincoln place, Dublin. 21 A

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MORRIS Cowley 2 Seater, 1926 Model, splendid order and condition in every respect, completely equipped; small mileage; F.W.B. fitted; tax paid; owner driven; insured.—G. A. Brittain Ltd., 4/15 Lincoln place, Dublin. 21 A

MOTOR Hoods Re-covered.—John Harris, 11 South King street opposite Queen's Theatre. 20 E

MORRIS Cowley 1926 4 Seater, blue, in new condition, cost £242, sell for £180. Satisfactory reason for selling.—J. B. Carr, Maynooth. 21 A

OVERLAND Touring Car, 1924; mileage only 15,000; cost £248; owner leaving country; £45. M. and J. Dawson, Maynooth. 21 A

PEUGEOT Baby Quad, in first class order, bargain at £55.—MacLaughlin and Donaldson, Limited, 40 Dawson street, Dublin. 21 D

MOTOR CARS CONTINUED.

ROVER Nine (1926) 4 Seater De Luxe, taxed, insured, excellent condition, for sale, cheap.—W 124, this office. 18 D

SMART Saloon Hurtu 1921, perfect running order, owner driven.—W 179, this office. 21 A

8 CYLINDER Hupmobile Demonstration Car, 1925 8 model, condition equal to new, price £375.—MacLaughlin and Douglas, Ltd., 40 Dawson street, Dublin. 21 D

10-15 H.P. Fiat 2 Seater, 1924 model, in first class condition throughout, tyres almost new, two spare wheels, genuine bargain, £150.—MacLaughlin and Douglas, Ltd., 40 Dawson street, Dublin. 21 D

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CHEAP Car Wanted; not over two years old; good condition.—W 65, this office. T

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A1—After the Show and before Stocktaking—Call and inspect our bargains. Full particulars of latest models can be had on inquiring at Wayte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, off Grafton street. T

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

BELFAST PUBLICAN HEAVILY FINED.

Mr. H. Toppin, R.M., delivered judgment in the Belfast Summons Court yesterday in the cases in which John Farrell, North street, Belfast, was charged with failing to produce certain measures to the inspector of weights and measures.

The Bench convicted and fined the defendant £5 and costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

In a second charge, of having in his possession 27 glass measures which were unstamped, defendant was fined £5 or two months' imprisonment, to run consecutively.

The third charge, of having committed fraud by using a cork disc inside, thereby reducing its capacity, was held to have failed, it not having been proved that there was a personal fraud by the defendant. It was dismissed.

A fine of £5 was imposed on a fourth charge, of having the measures in his possession, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, again to run consecutively.

An order was made for the forfeiture of the measures, and the Resident Magistrate conveyed to Sergeant M'Cavish, who prosecuted, the Bench's appreciation of the manner in which he had handled the case.

Mr. T. J. Campbell, K.C. (instructed by Mr. B. Donnelly) defended.

"NOT A PHANTOM 'BUS."

FINE ON SUMMONS FOR "SPEEDING."

(BEFORE MR. CUSSEN.)

Evidence having been given that he was "timed" on the occasion, Thomas Brennan, a driver employed by the Tower 'Bus Company, who was charged with driving a 'bus at 17 miles an hour in Parkgate street at 11 a.m. on the 20th ult., denied that he drove at this rate of speed, and stated that he arrived at Parkgate street from Lucan at 10.30 o'clock and left for Lucan at 11 o'clock.

A checker of the 'bus gave evidence that he saw the defendant and the 'bus going into Parkgate street at about 10.20.

Mr. Cussen suggested that the witness might tell him who did drive this 'bus. "It was not a phantom 'bus that came from Lucan at 11 o'clock," he added

The two Civic Guards who gave evidence said that they had no doubt that the defendant was the driver.

Mr. Cussen said that he was satisfied that Brennan exceeded the speed limit. It was not very great, and he fined the defendant 10s.

The defendant having asked permission to appeal, the Justice increased the fine to 21s. to enable him to do so, remarking that he would prefer that the defendant did appeal.

BALGRIFFEN LOCAL LABOUR PARTY.

At a largely attended public meeting held in the Lecture Hall, Balgriffen, on Tuesday night, the speakers were Senator M. Duffy, A. J. Cassidy, P. J. Curran, County Council, and P. Ryan. It was unanimously decided to form a local Labour Party, and a large number of members were enrolled. The following officers were elected:—Chairman—Mr. P. Bissett. Hon. Secretary—Mr. Thomas Boland. Treasurer—Mr. M. Kerrigan. Committee—Messrs. S. Foran, P. Gilsenan, J. Molloy, T. Morris, and W. Rourke. Arrangements were made for holding a series of weekly meetings at which lectures will be delivered and questions affecting the workers of the district will be discussed.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Thursday, December 23.
EXAMINER'S OFFICE, Dublin Castle.—Before Mr. Dickinson (Room 74), at 11 o'clock. Applications for Directions—M. J. O'Connor and ors.; Mulhall v. Watson. Receiver's Account—Wm. D. G. Muller.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, was held at the Hospital on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 9.30 o'clock, William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), presiding.

Two hundred and fifty-nine Governors were present at this meeting.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed and signed.

Miss D'Alton, Miss Henshaw, James Mahony, Esq., and Thomas C. McCormick, Esq., having kindly consented to act, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

Payments gratefully acknowledged, and the following new Life Governors were unanimously elected as such—viz., John Hughes, Esq. (per Chairman), £21; Miss N. O'Neill-Kennedy, £21; W. E. Glover, Esq., £22 1/- (per Hon Treasurer); the Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Dunne, P.P., V.G., Dean, £21; qualifying as Life Governor, Miss Lelliah Mullern, Miss Kennedy (per Miss Ward), £21. Mrs. Galley nominated the following:—Norman A. Clarke, Esq., L.D.S.I.; W. G. Lyons, Esq.; John Dick, Esq.

The Chairman appealed to the many friends of the charity for financial assistance. Life Governors are qualified as such by payment of £21. They are entitled to visit the Hospital at all times consistent with its due order; to recommend candidates for admission, and to vote for their election, and to vote for the election of the Managing Committee and the Visiting Medical Officers.

It was announced that Christmas Day would be celebrated at the Hospital in the usual time-honoured manner. Dinner will be served to the patients in the wards at 12 o'clock. Governors and friends are cordially invited to be present. Music and singing will be greatly appreciated. Any contributions towards the Christmas Delicacies Fund (which is still open) will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Matron or Registrar.

The election of patients was then proceeded with. Fifteen names appeared on the printed list, and eight candidates were in attendance. All the absentees were medically certified by Dr. Preston Ball (Visiting Medical Officer) as unable to be present.

The following having obtained the highest number of votes were declared duly elected patients, four for immediate admission, and one to remain out on a weekly allowance from the funds pending a suitable vacancy:—Elizabeth Phelan, heart disease; Kathleen Kelly, fractured spine and general paralysis; Emma Whelan, cancer of the breast; Catherine Hoare, paralysis agitans; Mary Jane Smyth, cancer of the stomach.

The Board tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£8—E. P. Culverwell, Esq., S.F.T.C.D., and Mrs. Culverwell. £2 2/- each—Messrs. J. B. Johnstone, Ltd.; Simpson's Hospital, Stamford H. Roche, Esq. £2 each—Miss Davy, Mrs. Wilkinson, Messrs. Dockrell (limited, Wm. J. Wilson, Esq. £1 1/- each—Miss S. M. Ornsby, Miss Kate Sullivan, Miss W. M. E. Seeds. £1 each—Miss Johnston, E. P. Johnston, Esq.; Ernest W. Millar, Esq. 10/- each—Hunt W. Hardman, Esq.; Miss O. Harrison, Mrs. Whitecroft.

Further contributions are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully received by William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), 37 Palmerston Gardens, Dublin; Sir W. R. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), 15 Upper Mount street; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens; or by the Registrar at the Hospital.

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GOOD PRICES AT CLOUGHJORDAN.

Good prices were realised at Sopwell Hall, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary, when Messrs. R. Telford and Sons sold the entire collection of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus bull and heifer calves for Captain C. S. Trench. Appended is a list of the prices:—

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	Gns.
Ponto of Sopwell—March, 1926 (J. Mannon, Rathkeale)	35
Boston of Sopwell—April, 1926 (T. Walsh, Cahir)	25
Cowboy of Sopwell—April, 1926 (W. Hodgins, Shinrone)	25
Emperor of Sopwell—May, 1926 (J. Dooley, Kilmihil)	28
Rex of Sopwell—April, 1926 (D. Johnson, Rathkeale)	38
Idol of Kilmullen—August, 1926 (Earl of Rosse, Birr)	44

HEIFERS.

Nellie of Sopwell—April, 1926 (T. Corcoran, Roscrea)	27
Colleen of Sopwell—April, 1926 (H. Hodgins, Kilmihil)	18
Matilda of Sopwell—April, 1926 (Castlecomer Estate Co.)	15
Queen of Sopwell—April, 1926 (T. H. Corcoran, Hollymount)	34
Kitty of Sopwell—May, 1926 (Castlecomer Estate Co.)	20
Dolly of Sopwell—May, 1926 (T. Walsh, Cahir)	20½

Store cattle realised high prices, and there was a large attendance of buyers from Offaly, Leix, Limerick, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS' PROFITS.

Profits totalling £34,000 were made last year by the United Farmers' Co-operative Company of Ontario, £15,000 of which will be available for a four per cent. stock dividend, says a Toronto message. Already the company has paid out £16,400 in community dividends on account of cream and £6,000 to members of the Egg Pool.

"Turnover has totalled £4,000,000—a 'record' since the formation of the company six years ago," says the general manager. "We disposed of 600 wagon-loads of grain, a good deal of which was sold through the Canadian Wheat Pool, and also made substantial progress in the live-stock department."

MEDICAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH.

AT THE BEGINNING OF UNDERSTANDING.

Dr. J. B. Baillie, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, addressed the congregation there yesterday, for the conferment of degrees. He said that the life of a man was so inextricably interwoven with the whole web of organic life, and so inseparably interfused with the substance even of the inorganic world, that we seemed only at the beginning, or at a new beginning, of the process of understanding that aspect of man's life which fell within the domain of medical science. Hence they welcomed the spirit of scientific research which was being extended with the faculty at the University by the energetic efforts of their distinguished colleague, Professor McSwiney, and by the new Department of Experimental Pathology. The University again took the opportunity of recording its gratitude to the generous people of Yorkshire, who had made that addition possible.

This term brought to an end the long connection of Sir Berkeley Moynihan with the Medical School and the Medical Faculty. That connection had lent distinction, and conspicuous distinction, to the department of surgery. He was an inspiration to his pupils and an abiding example for after days.

Twenty-five degrees were conferred.

OLYMPIA THEATRE PANTOMIME.

Mr. John MacDonagh's presentation of "Jack and the Beanstalk" begins its three weeks' run at Olympia Theatre, Dublin, on Monday, December 27, and promises to be something first-class in the way of wit and originality. It appears that the title will be about the only thing in the pantomime that anyone can complain of having heard or seen before. There will be no lack of laughter, with Jimmy O'Dea well to the fore, assisted by Dick Smith. The parts of Jack and the Princess will be taken by Doris Yorke and Daphne de Lisle, whose admirable fitness for leading parts in pantomime has brought them success in London. The Butterfly Ballet, with Daphne de Lisle in the principal part, and Twenty-five Dancers, under the direction of Kathleen Harris, is to be something very gay and spectacular. Other names on the programme are Will Rooney, Rube Peters and his Gaiety Girls, Eily Murnaghan and "The Girls," and Tom Dunne.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.

At Rathfarnham Parish Church yesterday, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral unveiled and dedicated a window, the gift, of Miss Cecelia M. Egan, in memory of Mary Louisa Egan, who worshipped for many years in the church. The subject—"The Call of St. Peter and St. Andrew"—is the design of Mr. McBride, of the Craftworkers, Ltd., Dublin, and is a beautiful example of the artist's work.

BROADCASTING

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.
7.30—"The Evolution of the Irish Nation," Seumas McCall. 7.45—French. Mlle. Giudicelli. 8.0—Station Orchestra; Kitty Fagan (soprano) and W. A. Manahan (tenor): "The Love Duet" (from "Madam Butterfly"), (Puccini); "O Lovely Night" (Landon Ronald); "Oh! that we two were Maying" (Alice Mary Smith). Kitty Fagan (soprano): "Love and Music" (La Tosca) (Puccini); "Homing," (T. Del Riego). W. A. Manahan: Songs from Moore's Melodies. 8.25—Station Orchestra. 9.0—J. Clarke Barry's Band. 10.0—Weather forecast and close down.
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BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.
4.0—Station Orchestra; Joseph Douglas (baritone), Maurice McDonough (trombone). 5.0—Mons Arthur de Meulemeester, "Music of the Nations: (6) France." 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 6.40—Appeal: The Police Court Mission. 6.50—From London. 8.0—Christmas: Past, Present, To Come; a Radio Play of Christmas, in Five Phases, written by Clifford Carter, arranged and presented by Miduro M. Dewar. 10.0-12.0—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.
1.0-2.0—Gramophone Records. 3.0-3.45—Evensong at Westminster Abbey. 4.0—Time; Mrs. C. Grant: The Mohammedan Great Prayer. 4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Alex. Fryer's Orchestra. 6.35—"Christmas Dances"; A Talk by Mrs. I. C. Humphreys, illustrated by Leon Van Straten's Riviera Club Dance Band. 6.50—Market Prices for Farmers. 7.0—Weather and News; Mr. Louis Golding: "A Village Christmas in the Austrian Tyrol." 7.30—Music. 7.40—Major Hugh Pollard: "From Bombard to Browning." 8.0—A Pickwick Party (A Dickens Dream Phantasy), written by Stanley O. West, the music composed by Marjorie Broughton, orchestrated by Robert Chignell, performed by the Wireless Orchestra and the Wireless Chorus. 9.10—The Unaccompanied Violin Works of Bach, interpreted by William Primrose; Chaconne from Partita in D Minor. 9.25—Musical Comedy, a Programme of Pre-War Reminiscences, directed by John Ansell; The Wireless Orchestra, Vivienne Chatterton (soprano), Joseph Farrington (bass). 10.0—Time, Weather, and News. 10.15—Florence Oldham and Alma Vane ("The Whispering Sopranos"). 10.30-12.0—The Savoy Bands.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.
10.30 a.m.—Time and Weather. 11.0—Daventry Quartet and Sybil Elliot (soprano), Patrick Duffey (baritone), Una Chaverton (violin). 1.45—A Short Dramatic Recital by William Macready and Edna Godfrey Turner. 12.0—Concert (continued). 1.0—From London. 10.10—Shipping Forecast. 10.15-12.0—From London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—491.8 Metres.
3.45—Pianoforte Quintet. 4.45—Phyllis Vivian, "Christmas in Southern Spain—Sunshine Instead of Snow"; Maurice Alsbethorpe (pianoforte). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Orchestra. 6.50—From London. 7.40—Mr. W. A. Summers, "Famous Novels: (5) 'Pickwick Papers,' the Novel of Incident." 8.0—Popular Requests: The Station Orchestra, John Armstrong (tenor) and Orchestra, S. C. Cotterell (clarinet), Cecil Alexander (violin). 9.20—Memories of Jones, Orchestra, John Armstrong and Orchestra. 10.0-12.0—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—326.1 Metres.
11.15-12.15—Orchestra. 4.0—Orchestra. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 6.15—Music. 7.0—From London. 7.30—"The Grand Lama," or, "A Lass of Lhasa," an Original Extravaganza, by Wyllie O'Kay. 9.10—From London. 9.25—"The Grand Lama" (continued). 10.0-12.0—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.
12.30-1.30—Music. 3.0—Fairies and Fantasies: The Station Orchestra, Reginald Gwynne Walters (vocalist). 4.45—Mr. C. M. Haines, "Playwrights Past and Present: (11) Barrie." 5.0—Pianoforte Recital. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Mr. A. G. Pryse Jones: "Appreciations of Well-Known Poems—The Destruction of Sennacherib," by Byron. 6.15—From London. 7.40—The Rev. Russell Baker, "The Art of Shamming." 8.0—Home for Christmas, The Return from School; scene, The Railway Station; the Station Orchestra, the Mountain Ash Girls' Choir, Wynne Ajello (soprano). 9.18—"Silly Billy at the Cinema," a farcial interlude by Gordon McConnel, 9.24—Orchestra, Girls' Choir, Clara Novello Davies; A Christmas Message. 10.0-12.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.
11.30-12.30—The Station Quartet. 4.45—Auto-Piano Recital. 5.0—Claras Reeves (soprano). 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.40—"The Woman Behind the Job: (2) Interview with a Librarian." 8.0—"John Jorrocks, Esq., M.F.H.": Three Scenes from R. S. Surtees' Sporting Novel, Handley Cross," reported by the Station Repertory Players. 9.15—The Station Orchestra, Morland Hay (entertainer at the piano). 10.0-12.0—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.
4.0—Reading from "Stories of Famous Days." 4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.40—Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. Swain, "The Worship of Mithras." 8.0—Newcastle's Fourth Birthday Programme: Speeches will be broadcast at 9.0 by the Vicar of Newcastle, and Professor J. L. Morison, of Armstrong College; Station Repertory Company, The Novos, Station Choral Society. 10.0—From London. 10.15—Programme by the Staff. 11.0-12.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.
4.0—Orchestra. 5.0—H. C. Pearson, "Readings from the Poets." 5.15—Children. 6.0—Orchestra. 6.20—For Girl Guides. 6.35—From London. 7.40—Señor A. M. Duarte: Spanish Talk. 8.0-12.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.
4.0—Wireless Quartet. Mabel A. Jamieson (contralto). 5.0—Topics. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.3—From London. 6.50—Edinburgh Programme. 7.0—From London. 7.30—Symphony Orchestra. 7.45—Miriam Licette (soprano), Albert Sammons (solo violin). 10.15-12.0—From London.

"BANK" IN ROOF OF HOUSE.

WESTERN FARMER'S STORY OF A "HOLD-UP."

What was described by Dr. Comyn as the most extraordinary story he had ever heard, was unfolded in Ardrahan District Court, when James Cavanagh, farmer, charged two neighbouring farmers, Bartley Moran, of Cartron, and Patrick Hanly, of Millbrook, with robbing him of £45. The plaintiff alleged that for the past two years he had the money in the roof of the house, and he afterwards took it down and placed it in a mustard pot.

Cavanagh said that he had £45 in the roof of the house for a couple of years. On the night of the robbery he was at a card party playing for a goose in a neighbour's house. Before he went to play he went to the house of a man named Killeen and asked him for the change of a £5 note to pay his stake at the card party at Cahercon. It was about 10.30 when he left to go home, and he had the £45 with him. Two men jumped from behind a ditch and held him up. One of them took him by the throat and the other knocked him down. One of them struck him in the mouth. He knew Patrick Hanly, and the other man was Bartley Moran. He knew Hanly for years and could not mistake him. Both men took the £45 from the right-hand pocket of his trousers.

FROM ROOF TO MUSTARD POT.

Cross-examined by Dr. Comyn, witness said that he did not know who his banker was. Asked where he had this £45 or where he got it, he said that he got the money out of the land a couple of years ago and he had it in the roof. Some time afterwards he took it from the roof of the house and put it in a mustard pot.

Dr. Comyn—Do you seriously tell the Court that?—Yes.

Are you a member of the "Mustard Club"—(laughter)—or the "Ancient Order of Froth Blowers"? (Renewed laughter.)

Continuing, the witness said that he took the money from the mustard pot and placed it in his pocket, and took it to the house while he was playing cards for the goose. He had it in a cloth for a long time and then he put it in the mustard pot.

Dr. Comyn—What was the price of the goose?—9s.

Dr. Comyn—What was your share of it?—2s.

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Witness, continuing, said that there was another brother in the house. He knew nothing about the money being in the house at all.

Dr. Comyn—Were you walking about at 11 o'clock at night with £45 in notes in your pocket?—I was.

Dr. Comyn—How often before did you go about with this £45 in your pocket?—No answer.

Dr. Comyn said that Bartley Moran was a respectable farmer with 200 acres of land in the district. He asked the Court to dismiss the case as there was no evidence to show that this man was robbed at all. He had witnesses to prove that Bartley Moran was in his house at the time this man said he was robbed.

District Justice Cahill—I do not believe any jury would convict in the case and I refuse informations.

ORPHAN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

SELECTED BY SIR WALFORD DAVIES.

Musical distinction has come to a little orphan girl, aged eleven. During one of his recent Tuesday afternoon broadcast talks, Sir Walford Davies invited his hearers to send him in some original carols. Among those submitted was one entitled, "Little Baby Jesus," written and composed by Nancy Fanning, a pupil at the London Orphan School at Watford. Commenting favourably upon it, Sir Walford played and sang it to his unseen audience, and on Tuesday night it was sung by the girls at the school.

Germany's exports from November amounted to 878,200,000 marks, and her imports to 1,071,000,000 marks, says Reuter.

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SPEECH DAY AT PORTORA.

A YEAR OF BRILLIANT SUCCESSES.

CRITICISM OF NORTHERN MINISTRY.

There was a large gathering at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, on speech day. The Attorney-General for Northern Ireland, the Right Hon. A. B. Babington, M.P., distributed the prizes. The Bishop of Clogher (the Right Rev. Dr. MacManaway), Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided.

The proceedings opened with a gymnastic performance by picked boys under the skilled direction of the Physical Training Instructor, Sergeant-Major Buchanan, D.C.M. The school choir sang two unison songs—one by Martin Shaw, "Glad Hearts Awakening," and the other a new Portora School song, "Floreat Portora," which had been specially written and composed for the occasion.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

The Head Master, the Rev. E. G. Seale, M.A., read his report, in which he stated—In the 309th year since our foundation, for the sixth year in succession, we are able to state that there is still a full complement of 105 boarders on our roll. (Applause.) It must be many years since a headmaster has had the privilege of reading out a finer list of academic honours. It is true that at the Certificate Examinations boys have passed more brilliantly, yet our percentage—82 per cent. of those who won certificates—puts us second among the schools of Ulster, and one of our boys took first place and first exhibition in the whole examination. The first place in Classics, first places in Greek, in French, in Algebra, and in Trigonometry; second and third places in Latin, and second place in French and Calculus; and third places in Geometry and in History, and Geography also fell to our boys.

But it is to the record of those who were so lately with us that we point with especial pride. In our long annals it has rarely been excelled. (Applause.) Hardly was speech day over last year when C. P. Jones led the way, passing first out of Woolwich with many prizes and a substantial sum in cash. This triumph was followed up in May, when old boys won four of the 15 foundation scholarships—(applause)—at Trinity College, Dublin, including two first places. G. W. McCutcheon won first Scholarship in Modern Literature; G. P. Stewart first Scholarship in Mental and Moral Science; S. B. Beckett fourth Scholarship in Modern Literature; T. R. F. Cox, as a Senior Freshman, sixth Classical Scholarship.

MIND AND BODY.

We think it typical of the education we aspire to give here that (within a few days of his gaining Scholarship) Cox won the Middle-Weight Boxing Championship of T.C.D., that Beckett has been for two seasons a member of the University XI., that Stewart is a promising oarsman, and McCutcheon is now captain of the T.C.D. Boat Club. Surely all this connotes a well-balanced education.

Brilliant, and, as I believe, unsurpassed at Portora, as our record at Scholarship has been, it has been followed by a fine succession of more recent honours. (Applause.) These include two Senior Exhibitions, first of First Class Honours and prizes in English Literature, first (twice) in Spanish, first in French, first in Italian, first in Experimental Science, the Littledale Prize and second of First Class Honours and prizes in Natural Science; while in the Medical School, which swallows up most of our large contingent in Trinity College, Dublin, V. St. G. Vaughan took first place at M.B., and A. G. Thompson one of the three Medical Primary Fellowships awarded in Dublin. His brother, Alan, has just won a Medical Scholarship in Trinity. Six of our boys—rather less than usual—entered Trinity College, Dublin, and one—E. M. Griffith—entered Queen's University with a County Council Scholarship. (Applause.)

THE PLAYING FIELDS.

In sport our standard is well maintained. It is true that we cannot claim that our XV., like last year's at this time, has had a career of unbroken success. This season's team—young, ignorant, but plucky—has had more losses than wins to record. In cricket our XI. was rather below the average. But there has been a great revival of rowing, and Dublin University, renewing their old and valued pre-war connection with the only rowing school in Ireland, sent down a Maiden IV., which beat us after a close race.

Swimming, too, was never so successful, and the two days' swimming sports, on one of which we "hanselled" our new swimming bath, were admirably organised and carried out. Our boxing club had a most successful season, while cross-country running, which is much indebted to Mr. Montgomery Irwin, J.P., of Derrygore, has assumed a real importance in our scheme of things. (Applause.)

THE O.T.C.

Our O.T.C., now at its full strength of 60, sanctioned in 1922 through the kind influence of Lord Londonderry, to whom the school should ever be deeply grateful, went into training in July at Strensal, where, side by side with some of the greatest public schools of England, they learnt something more of that spirit of discipline and willing service which is the surest foundation of our Empire.

Among our old boys we can point to A. M. Buchanan, our school captain in 1922-23, who played for Ireland in the three great matches of last year, and to O. W. McCutcheon as captain of the Dublin University Boat Club; to S. H. M. Webb as captain of the University Hockey XI.; to Norman Price, the best cross-country runner in Trinity College, Dublin. (Applause.)

As further proof that in the arena of sport, as well as in the field of scholarship, Portora has no cause to be ashamed, I have just heard that in the very recent inter-University cross-country race with Edinburgh University, won by Trinity, N. S. Price and A. G. Thompson were the first two home. (Applause.)

Our Old Boys' Society, with the Vice-Provost as its President, founded in 1921, has now a life membership of nearly 50, besides its ordinary members.

We maintain and cherish our connection with the T.C.D. Mission in Belfast. For the past four years some 60 Boy Scouts from the Mission have spent their annual week's holiday encamped upon our grounds, where our boys and their less-favoured brothers have opportunities of association, and learn to like and respect each other without envy and without contempt.

NORTHERN MINISTRY CRITICISED.

So far so good. It is not until we turn to education in its larger aspect that we have a less cheerful story to unfold. Liberty and elasticity are the essence of education, but liberty is plainly the price that one pays for State control. New rules and regulations, new and irritating forms still rain upon us. At every turn we are circumscribed. Liberty is "a thing that don't agree with niggers," or, in the view of the Ministry, with schoolmasters.

When we grumble at our restrictions and endless form-filling, we are sometimes invited to be thankful that we are not in the Free State. It is true, my Lord Bishop, that most of us would prefer, if given the alternative, Purgatory to a warmer place, but we may be forgiven if we have no fancy for either. (Laughter and applause.)

We want the same conditions of pay, pension and privileges as obtain in England, no more and no less, and more freedom from endless forms and rigid rules and restrictions.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

I should like to illustrate my personal feelings towards the Ministry by a story strange, but true. Years ago in the City of Cork we we had an excellent, if irascible, cook, who, unlike St. Paul, did not suffer fools gladly. One day she had a battle royal with the kitchenmaid, and the din of conflict reached the upper regions to the no small scandal of the hearers. Fervently repenting later on, the cook remarked to her mistress, in a phrase not easily forgotten, "Well, ma'am, I'm that sort, ma'am—that, if a worm treads on me, I turns!" (Loud laughter.) I sometimes feel just like that cook!

For example, last year to fill a vacancy we appointed, on the recommendation of a great scholastic agency, the best candidate who offered. He had taught with success in some large English preparatory schools. He was in every way admirably qualified for the work assigned him; in fact, the best man for that particular work we have had here. To my wonder and disgust, the Ministry refused to let us keep him. His efficiency, since tested in a year's work, meant nothing

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DOMESTIC STRIFE AT THE "ZOO."

DEATH OF A PYTHON.

The Dublin Zoological Gardens have had a few additions to the family recently. In exchange for the pair of bisons which were sent out to Calcutta a few months ago, four bears have arrived. Two of the bears, a married couple, seemed as if the prevalent mania for divorce was affecting them. Dr. Ferrars said yesterday:—"We had to read the Riot Act when they were reunited after travelling all the way from Calcutta in separate cages. The lady bear was not in the best of tempers, and evidently asked her husband where he had been all this time. He, in a thoughtless moment, made the usual feeble excuse of being detained in the office. She, in bear language, frankly expressed her opinion of males in general and him in particular, and soundly cuffed him on the head. He retreated to their second compartment the picture of injured innocence, making no attempt by word or deed to retaliate. However, in a short time, feminine-like, she kissed and made friends, and peace and good-will reign in their new home for Christmas time."

A green monkey has just come from West Africa, presented to the Gardens by a sailor on H.M.S. Lowestoft, and a python has been brought by Sergeant-Major Thomas Doyle, late of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, once known to fame as a champion boxer, and now serving in a Nigerian regiment.

The crocodiles are chilly creatures, and their pool has had to be heated to keep the life in them. Judging from the steam rising from it, crocodile stew might be in process of preparation, but it seems that it is not as warm as they like it. The reptile house has lost one of its inmates. The gigantic python, "Hugh," one of a collection of animals presented last summer by Sir Robert Woods, died yesterday morning. Even the microscopic ration which suffices to keep a snake alive had failed to interest "Hugh" lately, and his hunger-strike has ended fatally. The "remains" were lying sadly in his cage, covered from the vulgar gaze with a portion of "an ould plaid shawl." When "laid out" he measured over twenty feet and was five stone in weight. He was a magnificent specimen of his race; it is a great pity that it was a case of "a short life and a merry" for him. The new python has been tucked up in the rest of the shawl that had formed "Hugh's" shroud. Let us hope it will not bring him bad luck!

IMPORTED TIMBER.

BIG FALL IN FIGURES FOR BELFAST.

The returns of log timber imported into Belfast during 1926, as supplied by John Atkinson and Co., show that there was a remarkable decrease in the total cubic feet compared with the imports for 1925—125,522 against 427,967.

In pitch pine there was a drop of 117,198, and in sundries a fall of no less than 132,940 cubic feet. The largest quantity imported was—Pitch pine 92,195 cubic feet, compared with 209,393 cubic feet of pitch pine in 1925.

The falling-off in imports can be set down as largely due to the shipbuilding depression. The shipyards in normal times are the biggest importers of log timber. The total of 125,522 cubic feet is easily the lowest since 1921.

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to them. He did not satisfy their rigid formulæ, and he must go.

So we have to part with him, but he goes, as he deserves, to a better post in England than we could offer him here; and to crown all, and to add insult to injury, the Ministry docked his salary, to which they did not contribute a bawbee, for pension!

Yet nothing can exceed the courtesy of the various officials in the Ministry of Education, who, after all, can only administer the new cast-iron system in the spirit, if in a less worthy cause, of Sir James Craig's slogan, "Not an inch." (Laughter and applause.)

A SLOGAN.

"Slogan," I find in my dictionary defined as the war-cry of a Highland clan. It is the day of slogans, and by a slight effort of imagination one can picture the Ministry of Education chanting something like the following:—

Not a penny to their pay;
Dole them out a rule a day;
Dock the beggars' holiday.
Pile on form and regulation
With unceasing iteration;
Whip the schoolmaster to heal.
Make the wretched ushers squeal!
Never, never spare the lash,
Only stint 'em in their cash—

while the Ministry of Finance chortles sympathetically. (Loud laughter and applause.)

So much for the present. I cannot end without expressing the pleasure we all feel in having our kind and genial Chairman with us to-night, ever ready with sympathy and wise counsel. And never have we welcomed any distinguished visitor with more sincere pleasure than the Attorney-General. No stranger here, he has proved himself again and again the genuine friend of the school. He is known throughout Ireland as a good sportsman, a good lawyer, and a good friend, and we are deeply grateful that in the midst of the pressing and multifarious duties of his high office he has found time to join us.

Portora, which counts among its great *alumni* two Lord Chancellors like Plunket and Whiteside, and judges like Lawson, Quinton, Wright, Boyd and Gibson, feels that there is a peculiar fitness in the presence here to-night of one who is both a distinguished lawyer and a good friend of the school. (Loud applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that, in all its splendid past, Portora had never a more glorious experience of success than that of the past few years. It was a matter for congratulation that half, or more than half, of their boarders came from the twenty-six counties. There was a real union of hearts at Portora, for they had living together there boys from all the most Southern counties, and also from the farthest North, rubbing shoulders together, taking part in games together, and, no doubt, when they went forth to take part in their various vocations they would all look back with pride and satisfaction to the days they spent at Portora. (Applause.)

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Attorney-General having presented the prizes, said that in his days at T.C.D. most of his friends came from Portora, and in those days Portora boys were regarded as the finest contingent in the University. He believed it was the same story to-day. (Hear, hear.)

Portora was at the head of the tree, not only in intellectual pursuits, but also in sport. He had never heard such a record of successes as had been read out by their headmaster. He could hardly believe it, if he had not known Mr. Seale for many years, and that he was a strictly truthful man. (Laughter and applause.) He was also glad to be present that evening because of his old friendship for Mr. Seale, with whom he had been at college. Mr. Seale was at the head of his profession. He had brought Portora into the position which placed it in the very front of educational establishments in Ireland; and Mr. Seale must have this satisfaction—that the work he was now doing would live after him for generations to come. (Applause.)

He did not know if he had been amused or pained by Mr. Seale's reference to the Ministry of Education. He knew that Mr. Seale's irritation was genuine; for he would be the last to give expression to it if it were not. He (the Attorney-General) was not responsible for the Ministry of Education. (Hear, hear.)

A DIFFICULTY.

He rather thought from what he knew that there was a difficulty about education under the new Act in so far as it affected schools like Portora. Primary and secondary schools had been put on the same footing, and there was the danger of applying the same rigid regulations to secondary, as applied to primary, education. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that, with the aid of their headmaster, in the course of time these difficulties would be smoothed away and the path of a great school like Portora be made a little easier. (Applause.)

In conclusion, the Attorney-General wished all a happy Christmas. He was delighted to be there at the old school, which, like Trinity, was over 300 years old; both had been closely associated during the whole of that period, and were still going strong. He wished them every success in the coming year, and he hoped the school would do even better, if possible, than it had done in the last twelve months. (Applause.)

CHRISTMAS AT THE POST OFFICE.

INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND WORK.

INTERESTING FACTS.

On the business side of Christmas perhaps no department plays a greater part in the making or marring of the season than the Post Office. On its efficiency in the handling of the mails depends the smooth running of the business and private life of the community. How excellent are the arrangements which the Free State Postal Department has made to deal expeditiously with the heavy demands of the Christmas trade was learned in the course of a visit paid by an *Irish Times* representative to the principal stations yesterday.

The work has been grouped in four main sections—viz., Pearse street, where is handled the great bulk of the letters; Amiens street, the central station for forward parcels; the Fowler Hall, which deals with foreign parcels; while local deliveries of letters and parcels are controlled from stations at the Parcels Office and the Central Model Schools, Marlborough street. In the principal stations the work of sorting and despatch is carried on throughout the 24 hours of the day, so that there may be as little delay as possible in transit.

THE SORTING.

At Pearse street our representative saw the perfect system of sorting. The staff here has been augmented by over 100 men, and the business is carried through with remarkable simplicity and speed. The electric stamping machines, installed for the purpose of obliterating and dating the stamps, deal with letters at the rate of 2,400 an hour.

The Christmas pressure started on the 17th inst., and, so far as foreign mails are concerned, on that day there passed through the office 328,000 letters, mostly from the United States of America. On the three days—18th, 19th and 20th—the number of foreign letters received and disposed of was 580,000. On the 21st there were 107,000 foreign letters. For local letters and letters to England the figures were:—

17th inst.	144,000
18th inst.	156,000
19th inst.	176,000

The figures for the past two days were not available, but the traffic in local letters and letters to England had virtually doubled on Tuesday and Wednesday. The letters received from Great Britain and the Irish provinces were as follow:—

17th inst.	300,000
18th inst.	295,000
19th and 20th, inst.	400,000
21st inst.	440,000

The traffic under this heading also increased considerably yesterday. So far, the traffic shows a marked daily increase over the corresponding dates last year. The peak point of Christmas pressure has not yet been reached, despite all the appeals made to the public to post early. It is anticipated that to-day and to-morrow the pressure will be much heavier than it has been.

DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

In order to deal with the increased volume of letters, upwards of 200 men have been taken on for delivery work—a greater number than past years—so as to ensure that the inward English mails will be delivered at the usual times, although the mail boats are running somewhat later than is normal. Another point of interest is that the staffs on the travelling post offices (the mail trains) have been doubled, to avoid any possibility of delay in the delivery of letters on the various railway lines. These travelling post offices deal directly with a large volume of correspondence between Great Britain and the Irish provinces, and in that way save the office in Pearse street from handling it.

It is interesting to know that from the 17th to the 21st inst. the Pearse street station dealt with 26,000 registered letters, posted locally or in Great Britain. For the same period there were received 25,000 foreign registered letters, virtually all from the United States of America. During these four days 28,500 money order advices passed through the Post Office, of a value estimated at not less than £2 each. A further interesting point was that more than 50 per cent. were for the West of Ireland, so that at least £50,000 has "found its way from America into Western Ireland in the past four days.

HEAVY PARCEL WORK.

At Amiens street—the forwarding station for parcels—the work has been gradually increasing, until yesterday it had reached enormously heavy proportions. Figures were not available, but it was believed that the traffic was heavier than last year's. Some 400 additional men have been taken on to keep pace with the traffic, and here also the staff works in shifts throughout the 24 hours.

At the Fowler Hall, where virtually all foreign parcels are dealt with, there is engaged a staff of 200, not including Customs' officers. The work is very interesting, as all dutiable parcels are here examined. Here, stacked up in great piles, were parcels and boxes sent through the post from far off Japan, from countries on the Continent, and from the United States and Canada. One admired the neatness displayed by a Swiss firm of watchmakers, who sent their wares in well-made sealed boxes, through the new system of registered foreign post.

In a small corner one also saw the outward packets from Ireland to foreign parts. The comparison was striking as to the volume of export and import trade. However, the outward parcels for Christmas had swollen from a normal rate of 30 bags, with about 10 parcels each, to 160 bags last week and 200 the week previous. In this office the staff also work the round of the clock, and the expedition with which goods are cleared can be gauged from the fact that a mail of 637 bags, with about 10,000 parcels, received from America and Canada on Tuesday, was cleared last night—not had work, when one considers that every parcel had to be opened, inspected and re-made.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. V. T. O'GRADY.

The sympathy aroused by the death of the Rev. Vincent T. O'Grady, O.F.M., which took place at the Bon Secour Home, Cork, on Monday, was indicated yesterday by the large congregation in St. Francis's Church, Cork, where the obsequies were held. The late Father O'Grady ministered in various houses of the Order in Ireland, filling the office of Guardian several times. In the early years of his ministry he was stationed at Cork, where he earned the respect and esteem of all who came to know him. Solemn Requiem Mass and Office were held yesterday morning, at which the Very Rev. Canon T. Barrett, P.P., St. Finbarr's, presided.

The funeral took place to St. Joseph's Cemetery, and large numbers of the general public followed the remains. A sad coincidence was that Requiem Mass was held at the same time in Wexford yesterday for Mr. O'Grady, Ballyfullane, a brother of the deceased clergyman.

MERCER'S SCHOOL, CASTLEKNOCK.

The annual distribution of prizes was held at Mercer's School, Castleknock, on Monday afternoon. The Governors present were the Archbishop of Dublin and the Dean of Christ Church. The pupils contributed an excellent programme, consisting of songs and carols, a scene from "A Midsummer-Night's Dream," and an amusing comedy entitled, "Snowed up with a Duchess."

The Archbishop distributed the prizes and congratulated Miss Smith and the staff upon the result of the year's working and the very efficient condition in which he found the school. He expressed the pleasure which the acting and the singing of the pupils had given him, and explained the true function of education. He impressed upon the young people the urgency of "The World Call" of to-day.

The Dean of Christ Church also gave an address full of sound advice and good counsel to the girls.

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Two for tea,"
Salmon for you,
And Salmon for me.
John West's "Middle Cut"
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CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITALS.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED BY ROTARIANS.

The little inmates of the children's hospitals in Dublin—Temple street, the Orthopædic and Harcourt street—many of whom are cripples, were entertained yesterday afternoon by the Dublin Rotarians, who provided them with a delightful Christmas treat. The wards in each of the hospitals were artistically decorated by the Rotarians and their lady friends. The entertainments were held in the main wards, in which all the little patients, many of them of very tender years, were gathered for the occasion.

A great Christmas tree was set up in the centre of these wards, and from it each child was handed at least one gift by Father Christmas. When the President of the Club (Mr. M. P. Rowan), accompanied by Mr. M'Connell (Honorary Secretary) and Mr. J. L. Stewart (the organiser), visited the hospitals during the evening they found them beautifully decorated. Delight was written on the faces of the little sufferers, most of whom occupied cots; others were in reclining positions on the floor in front of the trees.

In addition to the Christmas tree, vocal and musical entertainments were provided.

TEMPLE STREET.

At the Temple Street Hospital Mr. F. M Summerfield, assisted by Mrs. Summerfield, Messrs. Robert H. Gallagher, P. O'Driscoll and Kevin Kenny, were in charge of the arrangements. The President arrived at 3.30, accompanied by Father Christmas (Rotarian Conyngham). They were received with delight by the little patients, to each of whom a present from the tree was given. A cheque was handed by Mr. Rowan to the hospital. The entertainment was provided by Mr. Chris. Bruton, Miss E. Gray's Troop of Dancers—the Misses Phylis Parmee, Jean and N. Cummins, Rita Woodhead, Hilda Mitchell, Oliva Sankey, M. and E. Mullen, Marjorie and Stephanie Colthurst.

THE ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.

At the Orthopædic Hospital the entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Fannin, the Misses Glenn, Claire Cooke, Athol, Ada Lee and a group of children, and four pupils of Miss McIntosh; Messrs. F. W. Maguire, Herbert Bailey, Henchy, Wilson and Harris. Mr. H. J. Staff was in charge of the arrangements, and he was ably assisted by Mr. William Findlater, Mrs. and Miss Sheila Findlater, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Swiss, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Brown; Mr. and Mrs. T. Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Hewat, Messrs. Frederick Thompson, A. W. Archer and J. G. Rawson.

Mr. Rowan, with Father Christmas, visited this hospital at 4.15, and, as was the case in Temple street, presents were distributed to the children and a cheque presented to the hospital by the President, who congratulated the management and staff on the excellent work that the institution was doing and wished the little ones and the staff a very happy Christmas.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HARCOURT STREET.

The entertainment at the Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, was carried out by the following artists from the Gaiety Theatre:—Eddie (musical clown), Peter the clown, Bonzo the dog, and Fairy Snow; and also Miss Connolly's pupils, Miss Eileen Marmion (pupil of Miss Magee), and Mr. W. Hickey.

The following Rotarians and ladies assisted:—Messrs. W. J. Purdy, Burke, W. McMillan, J. McMahon, Childs, A. Canavan; Mrs. Smithwaite, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Canavan, Mrs. Coghill.

Mr. Rowan presented a cheque, and congratulated the staff on the fine work that they were doing for little children.

POULTRY-KEEPING ON THE INCREASE.

"RECORD" PRODUCTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

Some idea of the extent of poultry-keeping in Northern Ireland may be gained from the fact that this year the number of hens alone in the area is, roughly, 6½ millions, an increase of over one million as compared with the number in 1925.

At a representative meeting of Northern Ireland poultry breeders, held in Belfast yesterday, the Right Hon. E. M. Archdale, D.L., M.P., Minister of Agriculture, presided and presented the silver cups and silver and bronze medals awarded in connection with the Ministry's fourth egg-laying test for pullets.

The Chairman alluded to the continued interest taken in the tests, and gave an interesting analysis of the results of the test recently concluded. The White Leghorns, he said, led all other breeds, with an average production of 199.45 eggs per bird, and were followed by White Wyandottes, with 189.17, and Rhode Island Reds, with 183.72.

The average production per pullet in the Ministry's 1925-1926 test was 189.66, which not only constituted a "record" for Stormont, but considerably exceeded the corresponding figure for the several tests carried out in Great Britain during the same period. This went to prove that the quality of the birds in Northern Ireland was superior to that of those entered in the tests in Great Britain, a fact on which the breeders were to be heartily congratulated.

THE AWARDS.

The winner of the Ministry's silver cup for the pen laying eggs of highest market value during the test was Mr. D. McIntyre, Gas Works House, Dungannon, whose pen of White Leghorns laid 1,460 eggs, of the value of £12 1s. 4½d.

The Ministry's winter egg prize, awarded in respect of the pen laying eggs of highest market value, was won by Mr. J. Crothers, Ballyroney, Banbridge, who also secured the challenge cup offered for competition by the Scientific Poultry Breeders' Association, also for the winter egg yield of highest value, with the same pen of birds—White Wyandottes.

The silver medal for the best pullet in the test was won by Mr. J. Scott, Annaclare, Armagh, one of whose Rhode Island Red pullets laid 267 eggs, of the value of £2 7s. 2d. during the test.

The winners of the bronze medals for the best pullet in each section were, respectively, Mrs. H. G. Darley, Trory, Ballinamallard (Section 1); Mr. N. Ormsby, Harryville, Lisburn (Section 2); Mrs. W. Mayne, Mount Pleasant, Newtownards (Section 3); Mrs. G. Scott, Annaclare, Armagh (Section 4); and Miss Bell, The Corner, Ballyward, Banbridge (Section 5).

A silver rose bowl, known as "The John Waters Perpetual Memorial Challenge Trophy," offered for competition by the Irish Fanciers' Association for competition among members of the Association for the pen of pullets laying eggs of highest value during the Ministry's test, was won by Mr. David Fresland, North Down Poultry Farm, Craigavad, County Down, whose pen of Rhode Island Reds laid 1,011 eggs, of the value of £7 19s. 4½d.

'BUS-LORRY COLLISION.

DRIVER FINED FOR FAILING TO STOP.

A collision between a motor 'bus and a Ford lorry on the Belfast road was the subject of a prosecution at Bangor Petty Sessions yesterday, when John Alexander Stewart, London road, Belfast, was summoned for driving to the danger of the public and failing to stop after an accident had occurred.

George Gibson, bread-server, said that he was returning home to Belfast when he passed the Bangor Queen 'bus, which had stopped. The 'bus afterwards overtook him, and when about half-way past the lorry it cut in in front of him. The back end of the 'bus hit the front wheel and mudguard, sending the two front wheels right into the ditch, where the Ford lorry collapsed and fell on the road. The defendant did not stop, but drove on after the accident.

After hearing the evidence on the other side, the Bench unanimously dismissed the charge of dangerous driving, but fined Stewart 20s., with 20s. costs, for failing to stop.

SHANNON FATAL ACCIDENT.

Patrick Keane, aged 23, unmarried, and a native of Lahinch, Co. Clare, died in Limerick City Hospital on Tuesday night as the result of injuries received when a waggon toppled over at the Shannon scheme works, O'Briensbridge, on the previous evening. Another man, named Corbett, who had one of his arms fractured, is progressing favourably.

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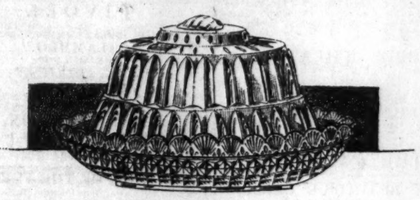

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ENNIS'S NEW 'BUS SERVICE.

ESCORT OF HACKNEY CARS FOR FIRST RUN.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ENNIS, Wednesday.

An attempt to establish a 'bus service between Ennis and Limerick has led to remarkable scenes, and to the arrest of no less than 23 hackney motor drivers belonging to Ennis on charges of intimidation.

Mr. G. Doran, 17 Upper Mallow street, Limerick, sent a motor 'bus to Ennis on Tuesday, and announced that a cheap daily service to Limerick was being initiated. The first run was to be from O'Connell square, Ennis, at 9 a.m. on that morning. At that hour the 'bus took up a position to await the arrival of the anticipated passengers, but there also gathered in the square a great cohort of hackney motor cars belonging to local drivers. The 'bus started without passengers at the appointed hour. The assembled motors were also started, and set off after it.

Crowds gathered to witness the strange procession. On the way through the streets a few of the hackney motors got ahead of the 'bus, and, thus escorted, fore and aft, the alien vehicle left the urban district. There were no vocal demonstrations. The *cortège* passed on in silence that was only broken by the purring of engines or an occasional gasp from an exhaust.

The 'bus was escorted right out to Newmarket-on-Fergus, where the driver halted and entered the Civic Guards Station. The fleet of hackney motors also stopped, and after a brief delay turned back for Ennis. On the way they were intercepted by Civic Guards and ordered to proceed to Ennis Guards Barracks. There they were detained until the evening, when 23 men, who were alleged to have been engaged in the demonstration, were charged before District Justice Gleeson. The accused were:—Michael Daffy, Michael Hynes, Patrick O'Donnell, Jerry Burns, Paul Cronin, Louis Cronin, James Mann, Patrick Flaherty, Frank Hoare, Patrick McMahon, Frank Malone, Patrick Madigan, Patrick Flynn, Joseph Flynn, John Morgan, Mat. Moody, Patrick O'Callaghan, Patrick Griffin, Patrick Flynn (Queen's Hotel), Martin Broderick, Sean O'Farrell, Frank McGloskey and Bernard Cronin.

They were charged by Inspector McCarron with "persistently following" one, James Smith, a 'bus driver, in the employment of G. Doran, Limerick, with the view of compelling him to abstain from doing an act which he had a lawful right to do—namely, to drive a motor 'bus on the public road between Ennis and Limerick.

Mr. F. F. Cullinan, solicitor for the accused, objected to the summary trial of the case.

Formal evidence was given, together with statements, in which some of the accused denied having taken any active part in the demonstration.

All the accused were discharged from custody on giving a personal undertaking to appear at the next District Court.

The motor 'bus attended at Ennis this morning and drove to Limerick without molestation.

BANGOR ABBEY.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON CAREY.

A large congregation was present last night in Bangor Abbey, County Down, when the Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore (Dr. Grierson) unveiled a tablet to commemorate the work done by the late rector, Canon Carey, in restoring the abbey. The tablet bears the inscription:—"This stone bears record that James Albert Carey, M.A., Precentor of Down and Rector of Bangor, 1916-1925, being careful of the ancient heritage of St. Comgall, did inspire his people to revive, replenish and restore to its fullest use this abbey church, in the year of our Lord 1917. Having wrought well, he entered into his eternal rest on June 20th, 1926." The Bishop said that during Canon Carey's incumbency that church awoke, as it were, to fuller usefulness. Canon Carey loved the church, chiefly, doubtless, from his historic sense. The Bishop reminded his hearers that the spot on which they were standing was one of the principal centres of Christianity in those early days when Christianity first came to these islands. He then dedicated the tablet.

APPALLING CASE OF CRUELTY IN WEST CLARE.

Remarking that it was the most appalling case of cruelty to an animal that had ever come before him, and that he hoped that he would never hear of one like it again,

District Justice Gleeson, at Kilrush on Tuesday, imposed a fine of £20 and costs on Thomas Lillis, general draper and auctioneer, Market square, Kilrush, the owner of a cow which was left at Lisdeen, West Clare, tied with ropes, until one leg rotted off. For two weeks the animal went around the spot on three legs, quite mad, and could not be approached by anyone until it was eventually destroyed.

Charles Curtin, butcher, Kilrush, who was also a defendant in the case, was fined £5 and costs.

The London Metropolitan Water Board has a capital debt of £53,211,407, involving an annual interest charge of £1,719,332.

WOMAN DROWNED IN THE LEE.

A CORK MYSTERY.

At the inquest yesterday on Mrs. Ellen Sexton (55), Deale's Hill, Cork, whose body was found in the Lee, the jury returned a verdict of "Death from drowning," whether accidental or not they could not determine.

Evidence was given that the deceased woman called on her daughter about 6 a.m. She then seemed confused. She went out, and was not seen until found in the river.

The doctor's evidence was that the body bore no signs of violence. Death, in his opinion, was due to drowning.

The Coroner said that it was possible that the woman walked into the river in a trance. There was no suggestion of suicide. It was a sad case, possibly caused by sleep-walking.

The husband of the deceased woman, he said, was a well known and very respectable man, and the family was a very decent one.

The jury returned a verdict as stated.

EARLSFORT HOUSE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes in Earlsfort House School, Dublin, was held on Tuesday.

The report of the Head Master (Mr. W. Ernest Exshaw) referred to the high distinctions won in Trinity College during the past year, and showed the school to be in a flourishing condition.

Mr. E. H. Alton, F.T.C.D., then distributed the prizes, and delivered a brief and interesting address.

Mr. and Mrs. Exshaw were the recipients of a graceful presentation from the school football club.

Mr. Exshaw having replied, the Rev. A. E. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Alton, and referred to the work of the school in terms of approval.

The following is the prize list—Form VI.—J. O. Wisdom. Form V.—1, S. Carlyle; 2, J. Plews; 3, L. Orr. Form IV.—1, D. R. Sherriff; 2, M. D. Burke. Form III.—1, F. McCreery; 2, J. Rishworth; 3, T. Morton. Form II.—1, G. Coleman; 2, R. Pratt; 3, G. Bolton. Form I.—1, M. Jackson Smyth; 2, M. Fenelon; 3, C. Alton and W. Smyth. Reading Prize—G. Coleman. Writing Prizes—Forms III. and II.—E. Lennon. Form I.—M. Jackson Smyth.

LIMERICK AND SUNDAY CINEMA SHOWS.

A notice of motion given at a recent meeting of Limerick Corporation Committee, to rescind a resolution prohibiting the opening of cinemas in the city on Sundays, has been withdrawn.

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TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock—"The Lover," by Martinez Cierra; "Local News," "The Shewing-up of Blanco Posnet," by G. B. Shaw; "King Lear's Wife," by Gordon Bottomley. Booking at Theatre, 10.30 to 6. Usual Abbey Prices.

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WATERFORD HUNT.
Owing to serious illness of Mr. J. R. Russell, Master of Waterford Hounds, the Waterford Hunt Ball, arranged for Friday, 7th January, 1927, will NOT take place.
(Signed),
R. J. RICHARDSON, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Waterford.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HUNT BALL
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Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to, but not later than, 12 o'clock noon on the 14th January, 1927, for the Plumbing, Gasfitting, and Ironmongery Works and Supplies required by the Commissioners of Public Works in the Dublin District for a period of twelve months from the 1st February, 1927.

A Form of Tender, with Schedule of Supplies attached, may be obtained at this office on deposit of £1, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona-fide tender.

In considering the placing of this contract, special regard will be had to the extent to which firms submitting tenders employ, or are prepared to employ, demobilised officers and men of the National Army.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order. J. J. HEALY, Secretary.
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GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
BANN AND LOUGH NEAGH DRAINAGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the scheme for the improvement of the drainage of Lough Neagh and the River Bann, recently prepared on behalf of the Government of Northern Ireland and published as Command Paper (N.I.) 63 of 1926, is now being considered by the Drainage Advisory Committee.

The Committee are anxious to obtain the views of representative interests or bodies of persons likely to be affected if the scheme were put into operation, and any such interests or bodies should communicate with the SECRETARY to the DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE at 15 Donegall Square West, Belfast. The Committee or their Secretary will also be prepared to elucidate any points in the scheme on which further information may be desired.

If they desire to be heard in person before the Committee, they should forward a written statement of the matters in respect of which they wish to give evidence. Any such statement should be properly related to the report itself, copies of which can be obtained (price 1s. 6d. net; postage 2d.) through any Bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, 15 Donegall square, West, Belfast.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

PORTS AND HARBOURS TRIBUNAL.

Notice is hereby given that the Tribunal will hold public sittings to inquire into the present position of Annagassan Pier, Drogheda Harbour, and Cork Harbour, respectively, with special reference to:—

(a) The constitution, powers, and methods of administration of the authorities controlling or managing such ports and harbours.
(b) The charging powers, financial position and resources of such authorities.
(c) The facilities provided for trade and commerce in such ports and harbours, and the extent to which such trade and commerce is conducted in shipping owned in Saorstat Eireann.
(d) The present statute law relating to such ports and harbours, and any changes therein of a general or a particular nature which appear necessary or desirable in order to promote the trade or commerce of Saorstat Eireann.

The sittings will be held at the following places on the dates and at the times specified—viz.,

ANNAGASSAN PIER—
At the Lace School, Annagassan, Co. Louth, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th January, 1927.
DROGHEDA HARBOUR—
At the Harbour Office, Drogheda, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 26th January, 1927.
CORK HARBOUR—
At the Harbour Office, Cork, at 11.0 a.m. on Thursday, 17th February, 1927.

Persons desiring to appear before the Tribunal are requested to forward to the Secretary a statement of the evidence proposed to be given. This statement should be furnished in the case of Annagassan or Drogheda Harbours by not later than the 17th January, and in the case of Cork Harbour by not later than the 7th February.

BY ORDER.
Ports and Harbours Tribunal,
14 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin.
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IRISH TURF ACCOUNTANTS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

THOS. and JOHN McDERMOT,
64 CLONLIFFE ROAD, DUBLIN,
intend to apply for Certificate of Suitability of Premises for
1 LOWER ORMOND QUAY.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT & DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.

ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD HEREBY GIVE NOTICE

1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and THREE SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1927, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member" or as a "SHIPPING Member," and the nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—

NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.
Election of ELECTIVE Members of the Board, To be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1927.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following person as a Candidate:—

Surname.	Other Names.	Abode or Place of Business.	Description.
Smith	William Henry	100 City quay	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones	360
James Robinson	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.

Dated this day of 19
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer or Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same, at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 1st day of January, 1927.

6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT and DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1927, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.

E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin,
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1926.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.

Notice is hereby given that the Office for the Registration and Licensing of Motor Cars, and the issue of Drivers' Licences will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 24th inst., to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th inst., and also on Saturday, 1st January, 1927.

Motor Registration Office, 26 Castle street, Dublin.
22nd December, 1926.

REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (IRELAND) ACT, 1904.

Take Notice that I intend to apply for a Renewal of the Certificate of Registration of the Clontarf Cricket Club, Castle avenue, Clontarf.—E. N. SEYMOUR, Hon. Secretary. 22nd December, 1926.

The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1926.

IRELAND.

The first meeting of a new organisation called the Irish Farmers' Protective Organisation, which has for its object protection for agriculture, was held in Maryborough yesterday.—(Page 6.)

The final steps in the transfer of the assets of the Irish Packing Company, Drogheda, to the purchasers, the Irish Fresh Meat Syndicate, were taken yesterday in Dublin.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Renfrew, in Scotland, was the coldest place in Great Britain yesterday. The cold in many parts of England was intense.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

Mr. Michael Dawson, the well-known Irish trainer, died yesterday.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets kept very steady. Tin Shares were lower.—(Page 9.)

Loans were in ample supply in Lombard street, and advances over the night were made at 3¾ per cent. Discount rates were a little harder.—(Page 9.)

In Dublin Guinness Shares again improved, and Courtaulds, after an opening slump, were quite buoyant up to 96s. 9d. —(Page 9.)

The Monroe Doctrine.

The political situation in Central America is developing rapidly into a matter of world importance. Not only is the civil war in the little State of Nicaragua threatening to precipitate another crisis between Mexico and the United States, but the Washington Government has concluded negotiations for a treaty with the Republic of Panama which may have the most momentous results. Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, announced the terms of the proposed treaty on Monday. It amounts to an offensive and defensive alliance between Panama and the United States. Panama declares that she will regard herself as being in a state of war in the event of any conflict in which the United States may be a belligerent. "For the more effective defence of the Panama Canal" she agrees to relinquish to the United States throughout her whole territory full control and operation of aircraft, "wireless," etc., during the period of actual or threatened hostilities. Furthermore, the United States will have complete control of all military operations on Panama's soil. A more intimate alliance between two nations hardly could be imagined. If, and when, the proposed treaty comes into force, Panama, to all intents and purposes, will become a United States Protectorate, and her position as a member of the League of Nations apparently will be entirely stultified by her acquiescence in such an alliance. The fact must be faced, however, that the United States has succeeded in acquiring a most valuable *pied à terre* in Central America.

Apart from its effects on world opinion, the new treaty will infuriate Mexico. The trouble in Nicaragua would have little or no importance but for the fact that Washington and Mexico are behind the scenes. The former has recognised, and is supporting, the Conservative Government of Señor Diaz, while the latter is supplying arms and ammunition to Dr. Sacasa, who has established a rival Government at Puerta Cabezas. Guatemala and Costa Rica, neither of whom desires the power of the United States to be extended in Central America, have attempted to compose the differences between the rival Nicaraguan leaders, but hitherto without the least sign of success. Dr. Sacasa, relying on Mexican aid, has refused to listen to mediation, and Señor Diaz is almost equally obstinate. The attitude of the United States remains uncertain. The Washington Government knows perfectly well that Dr. Sacasa is getting his munitions of war from Mexico. One of its admirals already has suggested the proclamation of a blockade of Nicaragua's Atlantic coast; but, as such a step almost certainly would be regarded by Mexico as a declaration of war, and might have most unfortunate reactions elsewhere, President Coolidge and his advisers have refrained from following this advice. The Government of the United States, however, takes the view that the success of Mexico's agent in Nicaragua would upset its whole Central American policy, and might nullify the strategic advantages that will be derived from the new treaty with Panama.

The Monroe Doctrine is a comfortably elastic formula. A few years ago President Harding caused a great stir by his appeal for naval disarmament, which met with conspicuous success at the Washington Conference. His successor in office now announces calmly that the United States will need ten new cruisers shortly "in order to balance the strength of the American Navy." This statement, as has been suggested freely, may be intended merely to frighten the other naval Powers and to induce them to agree to a further reduction in armaments; but, when one regards it in the light of the Panama treaty, it assumes a more sinister aspect. If the United States should decide to build ten new cruisers, there is not the least doubt that its example would be followed by Britain and Japan, while Italy and France would be certain to increase their fleets in proportion. The first step would be taken in another race for naval supremacy, with many—if not all—of the unhappy results that were produced by the Anglo-German contest. American spokesmen never tire of protesting that the United States is not concerned in other nations' affairs; yet, under the cloak of the Monroe Doctrine, it virtually annexes Panama, and is doing its best to establish a hegemony—in fact, if not in name—over the six Republics that constitute Central America. This is a dangerous game; for what is sauce for the American goose is sauce for the Japanese gander, and, at the far side of the Pacific, Nippon is waiting for the slightest excuse to fasten her claws on China.

Another Farmers' Party.

Recently Mr. Patrick McKenna, speaking for the Farmers' Party, announced a boycott of the Free State Tariff Commission. The best that can be said for yesterday's meeting at Maryborough, to form yet one more political party—the Irish Farmers' Protectionist Organisation, which seeks the imposition of a tariff on imported farm produce—is that it is a fitting comment on the unhelpful attitude of the official Farmers' Party. Having taken a definite stand against the protectionist policy, the Farmers' Party ought to be prepared to defend its position and to advance its cause, instead of sulking in its tents as though it lacked conviction. In agricultural matters the State receives singularly little help from those who claim to be specifically the farmers' representatives. On the one hand the Farmers' Party tells us that tillage will not pay, and, on the other, the new organisation invites the community to shut its doors to produce offered at a reasonable price. Neither proposes to increase or to cheapen production. For a tariff on imported farm produce we consider that no sound case can be made. Our objections to the raising of tariff walls around the Free States are not based on *doctrinaire* opposition to protection. In young countries, where the raw material and the skill for the establishment of a new industry exist, resort quite reasonably may be made to protection during the initial stages of development. Irish agriculture is not a new industry, attacking a market already monopolised by others. It is the prime industry of our country, and its capital is a rich soil that needs only an industrious and intelligent culture. Protection is not needed to increase the capital of Irish agriculture, and it certainly will not create in farmers an initiative that has not been roused by the stress of competition. One of the State-maintained model farms of Ireland for years cultivated turnips and mangolds for the surrounding farmers, who preferred to buy rather than to produce feeding stuffs for their stock. Where this condition of affairs exists, what hopes of increased production can be based on the right to charge excessive prices? The demand for protection does not come from the true peasant farmer—the small holder who practises "mixed farming" on land that occupies the labour of a family. It comes from the farmer who clings to the notion that there is a future in this country—although there is none in Canada—for the *entrepreneur* of the land. The stock which breeds the industrious peasants of the small-holding districts can wring a happy, if frugal, living from the farm; and its demand is not for protection, but for soil. When our farmers' parties discover an interest in the true peasant and concern themselves in reclamation of alluvial valleys, we shall listen attentively to their proposals, recognising the voice of the Irish agriculture of the future.

A Flight to India.

Ninety-six years ago the Prime Minister of England, although he was "the hero of a hundred fights and never lost a gun," refused to travel on the first railway between Liverpool and Manchester. Since then the great world has spun swiftly down the ringing grooves of change; and, on Monday next, a British Cabinet Minister, with his wife, will embark on the longest air tour that hitherto has been attempted. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of State for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare will leave Croydon, in one of the new De Haviland "Hercules" air liners, on a voyage of twelve thousand miles. If fortune favours their plans, they will reach Egypt on the fifth day. The 3rd January will find them at Basra; three days later they will descend upon Karachi, "the gateway of India," and on the 8th January the imperial City of Delhi will unfold itself before them. The total distance to Delhi will be 6,125 miles. Here the Minister will leave the great three-engined passenger machine, and, covering another 2,000 miles in military aircraft of the Royal Air Force, will inspect the service stations of the North-West Frontier. Afterwards he will embark at Karachi for the return flight of 2,500 miles to Cairo. Thus, in less than seven weeks, he will have made an extensive tour of India, and will have paid (in the strictest sense) flying visits to Egypt and Iraq. Incidentally, Sir Samuel Hoare will have given practical proof of his faith in the skill and efficiency of the service which he administers. Apart from the inspection of the Frontier air-posts, his journey will have two motives. It will take him over the route of the commercial service to India, which will be opened on the 12th January; and it will enable him to discuss with the Indian Government the recommendations of the Indian Air Board for the furtherance of civil aviation. These recommendations propose that the large commercial centres of India, which are situated at considerable distances from one another, shall be connected by small types of airship, and that a seaplane service shall be established between Calcutta and Rangoon. They suggest also that such services shall be subsidised from Indian revenues, and that, if Indian capital is sought for their development, provision shall be made for the training of Indian pilots.

Art and Cheapness.

The annual report of the Comptroller of the Royal Mint, which was issued on Tuesday, deals at length, and often caustically, with some aspects of the designing of seals, coins, medals and decorations. It mentions the case of a public department which proposed a design for a new seal, but rejected, on the ground of expense, the Mint's suggestion that an artist should be employed, and "preferred to obtain the seal from a firm of commercial stationers." The Advisory Committee of the Mint felt itself compelled to lodge with the department its "formal protest in writing at the philistinism which underlay this decision." In other instances also designs were "deflected from the Mint purely on the score of expense"; and the report denounces the inferior metal and crude workmanship which are held, by eminently respectable persons, to be adequate mementos of great events and great careers. The mayor of an important provincial city, who wished to present its school children with a bronze medallion, shied at the Mint's price of threepence for a decent article, and was advised by it—the explosion must have brought much relief to the Comptroller's mind—"to expend the money on the traditional bun, the effects of which, at the worst, could only be transitory." The Mint does not go out of its way to secure the manufacture of private medals, but it desires to keep its highly skilled engravers in active employment; and private clients may seek the valuable aid of its advisory committee of artists. We do not know whether the new Free State coinage will be struck at the Royal Mint, but we hope that its designs will appeal to the Comptroller's exigent taste and will give the lie to rumour. An ancient critic complained of one of Horace's Odes that it began nobly, but "descended into a calf." Is it true that the Free State coins will image a selection from the farm-yard?

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—The New Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Olympia Theatre—"Pleasures," 7 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"Local News" and "She Stoops to Conquer," 2.30 p.m.; "The Lover," "Local News," "The Shewing-Up of Blanco Posnet," and "King Lear's Wife," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—"Salammbo," 3.30 to 10.45 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Memory Lane," 2, 4.20, 6.40, and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Lovers in Quarantine," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—"The Beautiful Rebel."
Grafton Cinema—"The Atonement of Gosta Berling," 2, 4.20, 6.20, and 8.40 p.m.
Grand Central Cinema—"Salammbo," 3 and 8.
Corinthian Cinema—"The Sea Wolf."
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Phantom of the Forest," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Dublin Port and Docks Board, 1 p.m.
Dublin County Council, 3 p.m.
Rotary visit to Cappagh, 1.30 o'clock.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

To-day the King and Queen will leave Buckingham Palace for Sandringham, where they will be joined by the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry, and Prince George for Christmas. The King will pay some shooting visits early in the new year, but Their Majesties will not return to London till the beginning of February.

The Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, left London yesterday, and will join the Duchess of Abercorn at Baronscourt, Newton Stewart, to-day. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are in residence at Chatsworth, where they are entertaining a family party. Lady Violet Brassey has left London for Goodwood, where her father, the Duke of Richmond, will have several members of his family with him at Christmas.

The Earl of Bessborough has returned from South Africa, and has joined the Countess of Bessborough at Stansted Park, Hampshire. Viscount Massereene and Ferrard has left London, and will spend the next four or five weeks in Scotland. Lord and Lady Shandon have left London for The Dene, their residence in the Isle of Wight, where they will spend Christmas.

Yesterday Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, High Commissioner for Palestine, laid the foundation stone of the new Bible House, which is being erected between the Damascus and Jaffa gates of Jerusalem by the British and Foreign Bible Society at a cost of over £11,000.

Sir Ralph Gore is one of the British yachtsmen who will take part in the Riviera regattas this season. He and Lady Gore and their only son have started from Cowes in their motor yacht Pearl for Havre, and will pass through the French canals to Marseilles, and thence to the Côte d'Azur.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, who has been appointed a member of the London Advisory Committee of the Bank of Montreal, has had much Parliamentary experience. Before he succeeded his mother in the Barony he represented North Cumberland in Parliament, and acted as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, and later to the Minister of Labour and to the First Lord of the Admiralty. His marriage with the daughter of Mr. and Lady Louise Loder took place in 1922, and they have two sons.

Lord Ashfield, the Hon. Marion Stanley, Captain the Hon. Sir Seymour Fortescue, Mr. and Lady Dorothy D'Oyly Carte, and Mr. Michael D'Oyly Carte were among the passengers who left Southampton yesterday in the s.s. Majestic for New York. The Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville will leave London to-day for Marseilles, where she will join the s.s. Naldera to-morrow for a trip to Australia and New Zealand. The Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, and Mrs. Bruce left Southampton yesterday to return to Australia.

Lady Gore Booth, Miss Barbara Woodburn, Lord Middleton, and Mr. H. Cator were the sponsors at the christening of the infant son of the Earl and Countess of Leven and Melville, which took place yesterday at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens, London. The child, who received the names of Ronald Joscelyn, has two brothers, Lord Balgonie and the Hon. George David Leslie-Melville. They are twins, and will be three years old next May.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Bertram Thomas, fourth son of the late Joseph R. O'Reilly, D.L., and Mrs. O'Reilly, Sans Souci, Booterstown, and Mary, second daughter of Francis W. Mahony and the late Mrs. Mahony, of Carnsore, Monkstown, and St. Helen's, Blarney.

The engagement is announced of Mr. A. C. Erskine West, 10th Baluch Regiment, elder son of Captain and Mrs. Erskine West, of Shoyswell, Highfield road, Dublin, and Mabelle Lyall, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, of West Kensington Mansions, London.

Dr. Henry Moore has left 58 Fitzwilliam square for ten days.

Doctor A. P. MacMahon has left Kimberley, Terenure, for one week.

Mr. George A. Yeates has left 25 Lower Baggot street till Thursday, December 30th.

Mr. I. Copeman, L.D.S.I., has left 11 Wicklow street for one week.

Mrs. James F. Hogan has returned from Toronto.

Mrs. Jeffers has left 202 Great Brunswick street for ten days.

Please note the dates of the Zoo Dances—Thursday, December 30th, and Friday, January 7th.

The Louth Hunt Ball will be held at Beaulieu, Drogheda, on Friday, January 7th, 1927.

Waterford Hunt—Owing to serious illness of Mr. J. R. Russell, Master of Waterford Hounds, the Waterford Hunt Ball, arranged for Friday, 7th January, 1927, will not take place.—(Signed) R. J. Richardson, Hon. Secretary, Prospect House, Waterford.

In their Costume Gallery, Switzers are showing an attractive collection of smart Coat Frocks in Repp and Crepella at prices ranging from 3¼ gns. In all new colours, also Navy and Black.

Ciro Pearls give social distinction to every woman fortunate enough to possess them. These wonderful replicas of real Oriental gems should be seen at the Ciro Salon, Switzers.

Christmas Gifts—Lovely Italian Silk Shawls, deep hand-knitted fringe, exquisite shades of Peach, Apricot, Champagne, Asti, Poppy, Gold, Flame, Black, and Ivory; 29s. 6d. Marvellous value.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Delightful Frocks for Christmas Festivities. Remarkable gaiety of colour, lovely textures—from 18s. 9d. to 5 guineas.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street. Establishment open all day to-day.

At Madame Renee's—Charming, inexpensive Dance Frocks for Christmas.—51A Dawson street.

The "Veau" hat is to be seen in our windows.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—R. W. Roantree, O. P. Plunkett, D. Atkinson, B. C. MacCartney-Filgate, Mrs. MacCartney-Filgate, S. Russell, P. Pollock, S. Pollock, N. Douglas, H. Douglas, H. C. T. Johnstone, E. J. Adam, K. Aherne, Miss M. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burke, E. Fitzgerald, Dr. C. L. Flood, L. P. Tyler, F. G. Halpin, T. D. Fitzpatrick, R. W. Richardson, E. F. Bourke.

Departures.—Lieutenant S. Horn, R.N.; J. Delany, Miss I. Delany, C. L. Hanna, Mrs. J. R. Blood, Quinton W. Kennedy, C. H. Nicholson, T. McIntyre, A. D. Pringle, G. P. Regan, H. G. Newton, H. G. Grantham.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney's Great Christmas Bazaar and Toy Fair now open.

The Mansfield Sisters are this week making a special reduction in their Fur-trimmed Coats, Millinery and Fur Necklets, Day and Evening Gowns, Sports Wear, etc., to enable their clients to make suitable Christmas gifts. This opportunity should not be missed.—28 Wicklow street.

For Useful Christmas Presents, try Millar and Beatty, Ltd., 14 Grafton street.

Marleen invites you to see her extensive stock of Jumper Suits. They make throughtful gifts.—114 Stephen's Green.

Christmas Sale at The Crock of Gold, 22 South Anne street. 25% reduction off all our Hand-woven Coats, Costumes, Jumper Suits and Hats.

Before buying your Christmas presents visit Maison Marcel, 2 Dawson street. Direct importers of French Fancy Goods, Perfumes and Powders of the most celebrated Parisian houses.

Fur Coats and Furs—Special Christmas Bargains. To-day and to-morrow we are offering our stock at greatly reduced prices.—Rohu and Son, Manufacturing Furriers, 2 Castle Market, off South William street.

Gibson and Co. Ladies' Tailors. Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lower Baggot st.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

The King yesterday morning invested the Duke of York with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The Weather Forecast appears to-day on Page 8.

LONDON LETTER.

BRITISH REVENUE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The soul of the British taxpayer was harrowed this morning by the intimation that the revenue of the dying year showed a deficit of £140,000,000, and the suggestion that all sorts of taxation and economies would be necessary to meet this vast sum. It is curious that several of the papers forgot to mention that there always is a deficit of this character at the end of a calendar year, and that the bulk of the income tax is not collected until after the new year has made a start. That the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have a deficit to meet is beyond all doubt; but it will not be nearly as terrible as that suggested, and possibly it may not be more than one-tenth of the sum estimated.

The Irish Packing Company.

Many people on this side, as well as in Ireland, will be glad to hear something definite as to the fate of the Irish Packing Company, which now passes into the possession of Sir Joseph Nunan, as Chairman of the I.F.M. Syndicate. The old company, when formed, was considered to have great prospects, and the shares were freely taken up on this side; but, like many other promising things, it did not come up to expectations, and the original shareholders have lost their property by insolvency. The I.F.M. Syndicate is making great efforts to put new life into its remains, and has raised a considerable amount of capital to this end, though not sufficient to meet the demands which must be made if the Drogheda factory is to become a paying "proposition." I understand that the organisers are greatly pleased with the support given to their efforts by unofficial bodies. The London, Midland and Scottish Railway, for example, has placed the Admiralty Pier at Holyhead at their disposal, with docking facilities and assistance generally—an advantage which means much in the circumstances.

A Trade Loan.

I understand that the I.F.M. Syndicate, desiring further capital to make the scheme workable, has applied for assistance to the Irish Free State Government under the Irish Trades Facilities Act; but, though the request was made some weeks ago, no definite reply is yet to hand. It is possible that the request of the Syndicate has been overlooked, and that the matter will receive speedy consideration now that the deal has become an accomplished fact.

Prince Chichibu.

Prince Chichibu of Japan, who was accompanied by Baron Hayashi, left Waterloo this morning for Southampton to embark on the Majestic for the United States on his return to Japan. There was a big gathering at the station, headed by Lord Cromer, representing the King, and Sir William Tyrrell, representing the Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Among the gathering were Lord Eustace Cecil, Mr. Watkins, of the Foreign Office; the Master of Semphill, Colonel Piggott and Mr. Blair, with many members of the Japanese Colony, including the Japanese Ambassador and the Embassy Staff. Baron Hayashi intimated that it was quite possible that the Prince and he might return to England in April next. Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Australian Premier, with Mrs. Bruce, travelled by the same train, and in farewell Mr. Bruce said that he thought that there could be no question that the Imperial Conference did great work.

The Smethwick Election.

The victory of Mr. Oswald Moseley at Smethwick causes little surprise in any direction; for it was recognised some days ago that he undoubtedly would hold the seat for the Socialists. It was scarcely expected that he would have such a substantial majority, but in this connection there is much to be said for the observation made by Mr. Marshal Pike that the Conservatives suffered from the hooligan tactics of some of those who took an active part in the by-election. Information of a definite character has been lodged at the Conservative headquarters in London regarding the breaking up of a number of Mr. Marshal Pike's meetings, and the fact that he was obliged on several occasions to give up his intention of speaking. It is generally agreed in official circles that something will have to be done in connection with this hooliganism in politics, but nobody is able to suggest a real cure.

The Liberal Debacle.

If the Conservatives are disappointed at the result of the Smethwick election, what must be the feelings of the Liberals? Mr. Bayliss, the Liberal candidate, failed to poll one-eighth of the total votes, and thus forfeits his deposit of one hundred and fifty pounds. This is the seventh by-election this year in which the Liberal candidate has met with a similar misfortune, while on two occasions the Socialists had to pay the forfeit. At no by-elections since 1920 has a Conservative candidate had to forfeit his deposit. The point is a little interesting, because it throws a light on the position of the Liberal Party, which continue to be split from top to bottom by disputes and quarrels over finance. The two million pounds described as the party funds rather resemble a mill-stone; for they threaten to drown the party.

Home for Christmas.

The Irish mail leaving Euston this morning was well filled, and it is expected that from now on until Christmas Day the service will be crowded. Owing to heavy booking the London, Midland and Scottish Railway announce that for passengers to Ireland a special through express will leave Euston for Fleetwood at 6.10 p.m. to-morrow and on Friday.

The Late Mr. Swift MacNeill.

Considerable interest has been expressed here in the fact that a memorial is to be raised in honour of the late Mr. J. Swift MacNeill, so long a prominent member of the House of Commons. He played such a prominent part for so many years in the Irish controversies there that he became quite a prominent figure in the House, while his intimate knowledge of parliamentary procedure and tradition gained for him the respect of his political opponents. It is a decade now since Mr. MacNeill was in the House of Commons; but he is still remembered, and it is quite possible that a number of the members of to-day may be inclined to join in this tribute to his memory.

The Reckoning.

The worker is paying heavily for the coal strike, and not a day passes without a new fact coming to light in this connection. To-day it is announced that the National Union of Railwaymen Executive has decided to impose a levy of threepence *per* member *per* week to restore its depleted funds. Last Christmas the Union had a sum of two million pounds invested, but this has disappeared owing to the general strike, the coal strike and the unemployment brought about by them. I was told to-day that the strike has affected the great industrial assurance companies very heavily. At the headquarters in London the staffs are spending many hours overtime adjusting the industrial policies put out of action by non-payment during the strike, the total number of such policies being considerably over a million.

An antique silver Queen Anne coffee-pot and water-jug were presented at Westminster yesterday to the Hon. F. S. Jackson, formerly Chairman of the Conservative Party organisation, and now Governor Designate of Bengal. The gift was subscribed for by the Conservative central office and area officials.

AMERICA'S PROBLEMS.

PENETRATION BY THE U.S.

SOME CRITICISM.

POSITION OF CENTRAL STATES.

ATTENTION is focussed on the international developments in the New World, where the rival influences are growing more active every day, by a message from Washington which we print below.

Commenting on this, *The Times* says that the people of the United States are finding their moral and political leadership challenged as it has never been challenged before, and their Government —possibly as a move in the contest with Mexico—has just negotiated with the small Republic of Panama a treaty, of which the terms are bound to cause surprise and certain misgivings both in Latin-America and in Europe.

Of course, the projected treaty is only the logical culmination of a policy that has been openly and consistently pursued by the United States for a score of years. It is, in fact, designed to take the place of an earlier agreement on the same lines; but it confers upon the Northern Republic far greater powers of intervention than existed hitherto.

If the compact is confirmed in Washington and in Panama, the Central American Republic will have to be considered "as part and parcel of the United States as a military unit," and "whatever the State Department may say about it," the treaty amounts to "an offensive and defensive alliance."

The position of all Central and South American States in the League of Nations has from the first been anomalous. The existence of the Monroe Doctrine (says *The Times*) makes it, in any case, extremely difficult for transatlantic members to accept League mediation in American disputes, while their geographical position debars them from effectual participation in any League action in Europe. In this respect also the new treaty merely accentuates a state of affairs that already existed.

GILDING THE PILL.

PREDOMINANCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The relations of the United States with the other Republics of this hemisphere, already disturbed so far as Mexico and Central America are concerned, bid fair to become strained in other directions also.

Argentina and Chile, to name no others, have causes of complaint which have now been brought to public attention because *La Nacion*, hitherto the strongest supporter among Argentine newspapers of Pan-American ideas, has asked bluntly why the precepts of the Pan-American Union have no relation to the practice of the United States Government.

There is nothing which is more enthusiastically welcomed by the United States Government than the defection of an American Republic from the League of Nations.

Not long since, when the Pan-American Council met in Washington, each member found before him a statement of the comparative cost of membership in that Union and in the League—greatly to the disadvantage of the League, of course.

A COURT OF JUSTICE.

Similarly, in the course of the preparation of the agenda for the next Pan-American Conference at Havana in 1928, opinion has been carefully sounded to see whether membership in the Union might not repose upon a Treaty, whether a Court of Justice of general American resort might not be established, and whether a Pan-American Labour Bureau might not be formed.

It would be absurd not to see in this at least a desire to establish a full alternative to the League in this hemisphere, though enough objection has already been made to these projects to ensure that they will not appear on the agenda. They can only be brought up at Havana by the consent of two-thirds of the nations present. In short, there is a growing realisation in Latin-America that the Pan-American Union is a mere gilding upon the pill of American predominance.

There have been hints in at least one quarter that withdrawal from the Union would be wise, though this might have such serious results as to be of doubtful resort.

WHAT UNITED STATES HAS GOT.

While the policy is maintained which gives the State Department a voice in the flotation of loans, it would not be difficult to make an offending country pay dearly for its assertion of complete independence. Dissatisfaction and irritation are likely to grow, however, and with them the fear which is inspired by the southward progress of the United States in the march, which, as the *New York World* to-day reminds its readers, has already absorbed Guantanamo Bay, the Virgin Islands, Samana Bay, in Santo Domingo; Mole Saint Nicholas, in Haiti; Fonseca Bay and the Corn Islands, in Nicaragua, and now, as part of the alliance with Panama, takes the island of Manzanilla, at the Atlantic entrance to the canal.

Events are moving rapidly to determine the nature of the relationship between the United States and its Southern neighbours, and by its extension to modify its attitude toward the rest of the world.

SPANISH CHRISTMAS LOTTERY.

FIRST PRIZE SHARED BY MANY WORKERS.

MADRID, Wednesday.

So many shares in the ticket which won the first prize of fifteen million pesetas in the big Christmas lottery had been sold that it will be shared among a host of participants belonging to the working and middle classes. The second prize of ten million pesetas will also have to be shared among a number of subscribers. A resident in Cuba won the third prize, while officers and other ranks belonging to the Army Red Cross attached to the Saragossa garrison share in the fourth prize.—(Reuter.)

WHITE YULETIDE PROSPECTS.

10° OF FROST IN DUBLIN.

SACKCLOTH AND ASHES IN LEEDS.

Cold as was yesterday in Dublin—and it was certainly the coldest day for a week—the weather here might be described as mild when compared with some parts of Great Britain. In Dublin the minimum temperature registered was 32 and the grass minimum 22, or 10 points below freezing point; but the coldest place in these islands was Renfrew, in Scotland, where the minimum registered temperature was 30.

Snow is predicted for the Christmas.

Almost Arctic seemed the cold over the greater part of Great Britain yesterday, and in the thickest of clothing people shivered or were brisk and alert, according to physical condition.

RAIN, SNOW AND SLEET.

Another heavy night's frost was succeeded by grey skies in the Eastern districts, and one or two places had slight precipitations of rain, snow or sleet. The West and South had some good spells of sunshine, but Old Sol's rays failed to appreciably lift the temperature, thanks to biting winds from Scandinavia. The coldest place yesterday, however, was Renfrew, in Scotland, where the thermometer went down to 30 degrees, and fog prevailed.

As regards the further outlook, the endurance of Southerners is to be put to even greater test over the Christmas season, but there will be little change in the temperature over the rest of the British Isles.

London late last night had its brief first taste of the snow which is predicted.

GLASSY STREETS IN LEEDS.

Over fifty casualties were treated at Leeds General Infirmary yesterday, due to falls on ice-covered pavements. Frost supervening on the sleet of Tuesday night had made them like glass, and people who had occasion to be out early were brought into the institutions with broken legs, chipped elbows, scalp wounds and concussion.

Well-dressed people were to be seen walking with pieces of rag and sacking tied around their boots, and some minor motoring mishaps occurred on a surface which looked like brown varnish. The Corporation, however, soon improved matters with thousands of tons of ashes.

MOTOR CARS IN COLLISION.

AN AIR VICE-MARSHAL INJURED.

In a head-on collision between a Royal Air Force motor car and a civilian car in a narrow road near Edgware on Tuesday night Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, of Connaught street, W., Air Officer Commanding the Inland Area, Royal Air Force, was seriously injured. The driver of the civilian car was slightly injured, and both cars were wrecked, blocking the road.

As a sequel to the smash, the driver of the civilian car is to appear in court, charged with being drunk when in charge of a car.

Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft was being driven to London from Bentley Priory, Stanmore, the headquarters of the Command, and was sitting in the back of the car when the accident occurred. He was flung against a glass screen, which was smashed. He received a deep cut on his neck, under the right ear, was rendered unconscious, and fell across his chauffeur, who had escaped with a shaking.

The driver of the other car, Joseph Bower, who was slightly injured on the nose, was taken to Edgware Police Station.

On receiving first aid the Air Vice-Marshal was taken first to Dr. Findlater's house and then to his home in Connaught street. Yesterday he was confined to bed.

Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft is one of the early Army airmen, who, thirteen years ago, when service aviation was in its infancy, made a number of record-breaking flights. On one occasion he flew from Montrose to Farnborough, and then on to Portsmouth and back to Farnborough, a non-stop flight of 630 miles, in seven hours and a quarter.

LADY ALINGTON'S ESCAPE.

Lady Alington, of Crichel Wimborne, had a fortunate escape in a motor collision at Cutler's Barn, near Romsey, on Tuesday night. She was being driven by her chauffeur towards Bournemouth, when, about a mile outside Romsey, her car and one driven by Mr. Bassett, of Wellow, near Romsey, collided. The force of the impact smashed the wings and bent the front axles of both cars, but all the occupants were merely shaken.

ARMY PENSIONS BILL.

COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE.

Yesterday the text of the new Army Pensions Bill was issued by the Free State Ministry of Defence. The measure, which was introduced in the Dail last week, is of a comprehensive character, and amends and amplifies the 1923 Act in various directions. The express purpose of the bill is to provide for the payment of pensions, allowances and gratuities in certain circumstances "to disabled members of the armed forces of Saorstat Eireann and certain other military organisations," and for the payment of allowances and gratuities to the dependents of deceased members of such forces.

One of the first proposals in the measure is for the establishment of an Army Pensions Board, consisting of a chairman and two other members, who will be qualified medical practitioners. This Board will consider all applications for the grant of a pension, gratuity or allowance, but it will consider no application based on a wound received after 1st October, 1924. The second schedule of the bill prescribes the scales of disability, wound and married pensions for persons discharged from the forces before that date. The third schedule gives the scales of pensions for persons discharged on or after 1st October, 1924, and the fourth schedule the scale of degrees of disability to wounds. The fifth schedule prescribes the rates of allowances to dependents.

The bill makes generous provision for the compensation of all those who suffered physical disability by reason of their participation in the armed campaign against the British forces—that is to say, where they were members of the Irish Volunteers or the Irish Citizen Army. Not less favourable provision is made for the compensation of the dependents of those who lost their lives while offering armed resistance to the maintenance of the British *regime*. Copies of the bill may be had from Messrs. Eason.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE'S REVIEW OF 1926.

President Cosgrave, in a Christmas message to his constituents, which is published in this week's *Kilkenny People*, states:—

"The year 1926 may not stand out amongst its fellows by reason of any radical change or phenomenal achievement, but it has been a year of steady progress. The settling down process has been continued, and every day brings us nearer to normal times. We are beginning to reap the benefits of the legislative and governmental policy of the last three years. Our finances are stable. Our credit is good. If proof were wanting it will be found in the figure at which the National Loan now stands.

"We are recovering our markets. The high standard which we have been enabled to maintain in our exports of eggs and butter has, in the face of the keenest competition, re-created a steady demand for these commodities, and prices have on the whole been not unsatisfactory.

"The confusion of the past decade has restricted development in many ways—not the least important of which is the timidity which it occasioned regarding the investment of capital in Irish undertakings. Now that confusion has given way to ordered conditions, that timidity should disappear. It must disappear if we are to build up industries to give employment to our people. You have an example in Carlow of a new industry which we have been enabled to start by reason of the growth of confidence. The advantages to the farmer of the beet sugar industry have already been realised by the progressive farmers of Kilkenny.

"Everything that tends to promote employment and to increase production must in the end benefit the farmer as well as the industrialist—the latter directly; the former if not directly, then at least indirectly, by providing an increased demand for his produce. If an industry is to succeed there must be a steady market for its manufactures, and the home market is an all important factor. There is really no excuse for exporting wealth to purchase goods that can be equally well produced at home. If the people of Ireland realised this fully we should have less unemployment, more money in circulation at home, and no adverse trade balance. There are gratifying signs that the importance of supporting Irish industries is becoming more clearly recognised, and I hope that the year 1927 will see an end of the slavish idea that an article must be inferior if it is not made outside our shores."

THE ONWARD MARCH.

SPIRIT OF HOPE AND HIGH ENDEAVOUR.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, in sending the season's greetings to the readers of the *Kilkenny People*, says:—

"We face the year 1927 in a spirit of hope and high endeavour. Our National Debt stands at less than 20 millions—most of it internal. Our credit at home and abroad is high, as evidenced by the condition of National Loan Stock on the Money Markets. Great schemes of construction and development are nearing completion. New life is quickening in our motherland. On all sides there is evidence that our people are facing worthily the newly-won responsibilities of freedom. A nation is on the march. In peace, in order, in decency of life, in charity between man and man, we seek our evolution and the fulfilment of our destiny."

FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MESSAGE FROM SIR JAMES CRAIG.

Sir James Craig, Bart., M.P., Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, has issued the following Christmas message:—

Once again at this season of the year I am privileged to send a message of good cheer to the people of Ulster at home and abroad.

The difficulties encountered throughout the past twelve months have been surmounted, the disastrous coal strike is over, the industrial outlook is brighter, peace continues to reign in our midst, and in every quarter a spirit of toleration and good-will prevails. That is a picture in which one and all have played a noble part, and in which one and all may legitimately take pride and rejoice.

The spirit and the forbearance of all those connected with agriculture and commerce—employers and employed alike—during the prolonged period of distress have been beyond the highest praise, and I hope that with the coming of the new year all classes engaged in these industries will reap a rich reward that will compensate them for the trying times they have so patiently endured.

I thankfully acknowledge and tender grateful thanks for the support and encouragement so abundantly accorded me; it has smoothed the path of duty, eased the cares of office, and strengthened me for further service.

The future appears to be full of promise. We are firmly entrenched as that part of Great Britain and Northern Ireland known as Northern Ireland; our position is unassailable as proud citizens of a wide-spread Empire.

To Ulstermen and Ulsterwomen everywhere Lady Craig and I tender hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

MR. MICHAEL DAWSON DEAD.

WELL-KNOWN CURRAGH TRAINER.

The well-known Curragh trainer, Mr Michael Dawson, died yesterday, at his residence, Rathbride Manor, Curragh, from pneumonia.

As a jockey and a trainer, Mr. Dawson was remarkably successful, his most notable achievements being the riding of three successive winners of the Irish Derby, and heading the list of winning trainers on ten occasions. A sketch of his career appears in our Sporting Page.

SENATOR MARCONI'S PETITION.

According to a Rome telegram to the *Evening Standard*, an early and favourable decision is expected from the Holy Roman Rota with regard to Senator Marconi's petition for the ecclesiastical annulment of his marriage with the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien.

DROGHEDA MEAT FACTORY.

PROPERTY PASSES TO NEW OWNERS.

COMPANY'S INTENTIONS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Wednesday.

The final stages of the disposition of the assets of the Irish Packing Company were arranged to-day, and the concern at Drogheda now passes into the possession of the Irish F.M. Syndicate, having been acquired from the Official Receiver by Sir Joseph Nunan, K.C., the chairman of the Syndicate, who has been at work for some considerable time in the endeavour to secure order out of the chaos surrounding the affairs of the Packing Company, and to place the new organisation which will follow on a sound financial basis.

The Irish Packing Company, Ltd., was founded by Sir Arthur Du Cros, M.P., and others during the years immediately following the war, and a sum, stated to exceed a million sterling, was expended in buildings, machinery and plant at Drogheda, and in the purchase of two steamers with refrigerating equipment. This company exhausted its capital and credit before actually beginning operations, but the plant was partially worked for five months between November, 1920, and April, 1921, killing only eight thousand head of cattle; and the carcases arrived in a chilled condition at Smithfield, instead of as fresh meat. Sheep, lambs and pigs were not dealt with, but a poultry business was started before the enterprise went into liquidation.

CAUSES OF FAILURE.

Over-expenditure on plant, lack of acquaintance with the conditions of the fresh meat trade, and the disturbed situation in Ireland at the time, were among the causes of the collapse. Until the boundary question was settled in December, 1925, circumstances were not favourable for a large investment of British capital in the revival of the project. Two or three purely speculative attempts were made to obtain capital in London at various times, but it was not until August 27th of this year that the entire property was bought by Sir Joseph Nunan, K.C., for a group subsequently incorporated as the Irish F.M. Syndicate, Ltd.

To form the basis for a proposal to a first-class issuing house independent reports have been obtained from two leading authorities, recommended unofficially by the officials of the English Department of Agriculture, dealing with questions relating to slaughter-houses, markets and cattle supply. These gentlemen are W. Gavin, C.B.E., M.A., Dip.Agric.Cantab., of Hatfield, Peverel, Essex, and W. F. Bonser, of Bonser and Co., Ltd., Smithfield, late chairman of the Smithfield Meat Dealers' Association.

SLAUGHTERING BUSINESS.

On the recommendation of Mr. Gavin it is proposed to concentrate on the slaughter-house work at the outset, and not to use the refrigerating plant until the possibilities of the egg and butter trade can be fully investigated. The possibilities, however, are great, in view of the character of the equipment.

In regard to the number of animals to be dealt with, there is a certainty of increase at later stages, while a constant improvement in the quality of the cattle and pigs cannot be overlooked. The two steamers owned by the company might be handled by a small sub-company, as they can be economically run, or they might be disposed of to an entirely independent company which would enter into a contract with the new slaughter-house company for the transport of its products.

SAILINGS TO AND FROM DUBLIN.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

There will be a full service of mail-boats between Kingstown and Holyhead on Christmas Eve, but on Christmas Day, as on Sundays, only a night boat will sail in either direction. A special boat for the convenience of excursionists sailed from Holyhead to Kingstown this morning.

No sailings will take place on the British and Irish Steam Packet Company's route from Dublin to Liverpool on Christmas Day or Sunday, but on Monday night the Lady Louth will sail.

DRY-DOCKING THE MAURETANIA.

EXPEDITIOUS WORK.

Extensive preparations had to be made for the dry-docking of the Mauretania, which was successfully carried out at Liverpool yesterday. On account of the great size of the Cunarder, no fewer than twelve hundred grave blocks had to be used in order to make a bed for her to rest upon, while tons of other docking tackle had to be placed in position.

After the dock had been flooded to a depth of about 32 feet, representing over 100,000 tons of water, the Mauretania was slowly brought into position. The assistance of 200 men and six powerful tugs was required for the docking.

Within four hours of her entrance the Mauretania was resting safely on the blocks, and as the water was being slowly pumped out men in a small fleet of pontoons were engaged in scrubbing and scraping her keel-plates.

The Mauretania will remain in dry dock for about ten days, and during that time one of her four propellers, weighing 18 tons, will be renewed.

SIR HERBERT BLAIN'S FUTURE.

A NON-INFLAMMABLE FILM.

Modern Transport announces that Sir Herbert Blain, who is relinquishing his position as principal agent to the Conservative and Unionist Party at the end of this month, is to become chairman of a company which is to develop a non-inflammable cinematograph film.

Sir Herbert informed the Press Association last night that this is one of a number of companies with which he will be associated. Referring to the film project, he remarked—"The company will carry on business in all countries within the British Empire, with the exception of Canada. An entirely new process, it is expected to revolutionise this industry. It will be an entirely new British industry, which should give employment to large numbers. The whole of the work to-day is done in America.

FRENCH TOURIST TRAFFIC.

IDENTITY CARDS LAW—A PROTEST.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

Hotel-keepers and others in France who depend upon the tourist trade are up in arms against what they regard as a serious blow to their interests.

The Deputies of the Alpes Maritimes have received a number of protests with regard to the raising of the charge on identity cards for foreigners, and to the complicated procedure to be followed in granting them.

These protests came too late to be brought up in the course of the debate on the finance law, in which anything that might have delayed the voting of the Budget had to be avoided.

The Deputies have, however, communicated their protests to the three Ministers concerned—those of Finance, Foreign Affairs, and the Interior—and have requested them to take steps in agreement with representatives of the hotel industry and the great tourist companies to inquire into the matter, so that it can be fully thrashed out by January next, when the question can be raised in the Chamber during the debate on Supplementary credits.

U.S. AEROPLANES COLLIDE.

FOUR OFFICERS KILLED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
RANTOUL, ILLINOIS, Wednesday.

Two military aeroplanes crashed head-on in mid-air while flying over a field near the Army aerodrome here to-day. The four occupants, all officers, were killed.

NEW YORK'S "DRY" CHRISTMAS.

NIGHT CLUBS MAY BE "PADLOCKED."

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The prospects here of a "wet" Christmas and a still "wetter" New Year were clouded last night, when Federal Prohibition forces descended upon Broadway and summoned the proprietors of fifty-eight of the city's best-known restaurants and night clubs to appear before the Court and give a reason why their establishments should not be padlocked for violations of the Volstead Act.

DETECTIVES' RUSES.

As an emergency measure, the proprietors have also been served with personal injunctions, the violation of which will mean a sentence of imprisonment.

The evidence upon which these injunctions have been issued was gathered during a three months' tour of investigations by Prohibition agents, who, posing as "the idle sons of wealthy London widows,' exiled Russian noblemen, or Florida real estate promoters, lived the life of Broadway from midnight to dawn.

£20,000 HAUL.

UTICA, NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Prohibition agents from Washington to-day raided an alcohol distilling plant three miles east of Rome, and confiscated alcohol valued at £20,000.

This is said to be the largest raid ever carried out in New York State. No arrests were made.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN SWITZERLAND.

WINTER RESORTS IMMUNE.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
GENEVA, Wednesday.

Apparently caused by the prolonged winter drought and frequent changes in temperature, an epidemic of influenza broke out in Switzerland last week, and has rapidly spread westward over the lower regions of the country.

Schools have had to be closed in the principal towns, where the number of cases was very large. The higher regions and the winter resorts are completely immune from the disease, which is of so mild a type that no death from it has yet been recorded.

MURDERER'S GUILTY CONSCIENCE.

NO PEACE OF MIND FOR TWENTY YEARS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Wednesday.

The old adage, "murder will out," has again been proved good. A little over 22 years ago a young German sculptor, Albert Shon, was killed in a quarrel by Julius Koch. The latter has just confessed to the Weimar police authorities that he committed the crime, remarking that he has never had peace of mind during all the following years, though the danger of apprehension seemed slight, because he had been tried and acquitted for the crime.

The murder occurred on a canal bank, in a lonely stretch near Eisfeld. Koch threw the body into the water to avoid detection. Though the police authorities investigated the crime and were convinced that it was a case of murder, no trace of the murderer was found until five years after the crime was committed. Koch was then arrested, tried, and acquitted because of lack of evidence.

He has now made a detailed confession, and is asking for a speedy trial.

DISAPPOINTING GHOST.

REFUSES TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

The "Clanking Ghost" of East Barnet, about which so much has been heard locally for some days past, disappointed a number of photographers who patiently awaited his appearance early yesterday morning. Even the prospect of having the photographs reproduced in the illustrated papers failed to induce him to appear, and the photographers had to go empty handed.

The ghost was reported to have such an unnerving effect on a night watchman that the local Council instructed their surveyor to investigate the question whether the man's duty was sufficiently "disagreeable" to warrant extra pay.

It has been discovered that the house called the Shanty, where the "ghost" of Geoffrey de Mandeville is said to walk at midnight, clanking his spurs and attired in a military cloak, is built on the site of one of the oldest workhouses in England, and that nearly two centuries ago the Shanty formed a part of the old East Barnet Workhouse. Local history relates that when children in that workhouse became unruly they were sometimes punished by being shut up in the cellars below, and that some of them were lost in the underground passage.

Workmen are engaged on road construction work at the spot, and local residents anticipate that at any moment they may bring to light long hidden secrets connected with the old workhouse.

LATE NEWS.

PERU TO SOUTH AFRICA.

SITE OF ASTRONOMICAL STATION.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
BLOEMFONTEIN, Wednesday.

Although it is definite that the Harvard Astronomical Station is to be removed from Peru to South Africa, it is uncertain whether Bloemfontein will be chosen as the site.

A temporary site close to Bloemfontein is at present under consideration for a test of a year, and, if astronomical and other conditions are suitable, the Observatory will be permanently established at that place. I understand that the removal from Peru begins about April.

The Michigan University's Lamont telescope for the study of binary systems in the Southern hemisphere has arrived, with Mr. Rossiter, Associate Professor of Astronomy at Michigan. The Michigan telescope will probably be placed on Naval Hill, within the municipal area, but the Harvard Observatory will be a few miles out, to escape the glare of lights which would affect photographic work.

MR. THOMAS MARLOWE

A FURTHER RESIGNATION.

Mr. Thomas Marlowe has resigned the Chairmanship of Associated Newspapers, Limited, and has vacated his seat on the Board, says *The Times*. Mr. Marlowe's resignation of the chairmanship follows just three months after his resignation of the editorship of the *Daily Mail*, which he had held since 1899, three years after the foundation of the paper. Indeed, he has been a prominent figure in Fleet street for nearly forty years; for he was associated with the *Evening News*—another property of Associated Newspapers, Limited—before joining the *Daily Mail*. His present action also follows closely on the resignation of Sir Andrew Caird, as managing director of the company, which was announced only last Friday. None of these changes has been altogether unexpected by those who have followed the ramifications of newspaper politics during the present year.

FRANCE PREPARES FOR A SLUMP.

RATIONING OF WORK SUGGESTED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

Although the question of unemployment in France has not yet reached serious proportions, there are indications that the position may become acute, and, therefore, the Government is losing no time in grappling with the problem.

The question was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet. There was a further conference on the subject to-day at the Ministry of the Interior, when it was decided that an appeal should be circulated to the leaders of industry to ration all available work fairly as between French and foreign workers.

So far only 1,900 persons are receiving unemployment relief in the Seine Department, and the figure for the whole of France is not believed to exceed 50,000.

HOT SPRINGS IN ICELAND.

TO BE USED FOR CENTRAL HEATING SCHEME.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

A scheme is on foot for the purpose of utilising the natural hot water springs in Iceland for central heating in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital.

Proposals were yesterday presented to the Reykjavik Town Council by the Premier of Iceland, M. Jon Thorlakson, suggesting that the municipal authority should undertake the work.

There are quite a considerable number of hot springs on the outskirts and in the environs of the capital. Experts claim that the springs will produce a heat for central heating purposes equal to twenty thousand tons of fuel.—(Reuter.)

PERUVIAN BOMB ACCIDENT.

SUPPOSED PLOT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

LIMA (PERU), Tuesday.

A great explosion was heard in the heart of the city early last Saturday morning. Upon investigation it was found that the explosion had occurred in the main square in front of the Cathedral.

The body of a man was found lying there, near a palm tree, the head having been blown on to the Cathedral steps.

Information regarding the affair was withheld until the police announced that everything pointed to a frustrated attempt on the life of the President.

The President usually returns to the palace between midnight and one o'clock, but on that night he had not gone out.

It is believed by the police that the dead man had carried the bomb, and, realising that his vigil was in vain, decided to bury it, and that when he was trying to bury it, it exploded.—(Reuter.)

AMERICA AND THE DEBT PROBLEM.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

It would be a fatal mistake to expect direct results with regard to the solution of the debts problem from the manifesto issued by the University of Columbia, writes the *Temps*, but the manifesto seems to mark the beginning of a moral evolution which may have profound political effects in the course of time.

The *Temps* considers that the manifesto confirms the existence of two viewpoints in America—that of the politicians who treat the debts as a mere question of money, and that of the intellectuals who are of the opinion that the moral problem dominates the financial one. It will be long, concludes the *Temps*, before American opinion as a whole realises that the United States stand to lose more than they gain by the present debt policy, and the time does not seem ripe for an international conference on debts.—(Reuter.)

ENGLISH BOYS FOR AUSTRALIA.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNG SETTLERS.

There is no limit, boys, to what you may rise in the country to which you are going," said Sir Henry M'Mahon, formerly High Commissioner for Egypt, addressing twenty-five lads who were entertained at Australia House yesterday prior to sailing for Australia to-day.

"You may gain great fortunes by farming, or by other industries," Sir Henry added; "or you may become Prime Minister of the State in which you settle, or even of the whole of Australia, or you may come back to England as the distinguished colleague of the High Commissioner for Australia in this country."

ADVANCE ON SHANGHAI.

BRITISH SUPPORT ASKED FOR.

FOREIGN SCHOOLS CLOSED.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
PEKING, Wednesday.

Preparations are still going on to counter the Nationalist advance on Shanghai, but the troops who are in the front line on the Yangtse are not Chang Tso-Lin's, but those of Chang Tsung Chan and Sun-Chuan-Fang, while Wu Pei Fu announces that he will defeat the Kuominchun in West Hunan or resign.

Chang Tso-Lin's forces will probably be kept on a line where he can display his strength to the Cantonese in the event of the defeat of the other commands, and enter into discussions for a territorial arrangement satisfactory to both sides.

He expresses disappointment that he has not received any material support from Great Britain in the anti-Red campaign, and recently said that, without such support, he would not allow his own forces to enter into conflict with the Nationalists.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
TIENTSIN, Wednesday.

Large numbers of Fengtien (Chang Tso-Lin's) troops are going south daily by the Pukow railway.

Mr. Lampson arrived here this morning, and saw Chang Tso-Lin in the afternoon at the Fengtein military headquarters.

FOREIGN SCHOOLS CLOSED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
HANKOW, Wednesday.

The anti-foreign situation is developing in Kiangsi province, and a large number of British and American residents have left. The foreign schools at Kuling have been closed for Christmas, and will not re-open, and the parents of the scholars and the missionaries are being notified to this effect.

The foreigners at Ichang are remaining under the protection of British and American bluejackets in the Customs compound. This protection was adopted owing to the fact that the Kweichow troops, after disarming the Northerners, refused to recognise the Hunan troops, who, also flying the Cantonese flag, are nearing the city; the Kweichow troops denounced them as bandits.

There is a danger of a further clash, in which the foreigners might become implicated.

Ten thousand Shantung troops are in the vicinity of Nanking, and the Shantung forces are also occupying Wuhu.

Owing to the pressure of the Shantungese, Marshal Sun-Chuan-Fang is reported to be withdrawing from Shanghai on the line Taihu Lake to the Yangtse. Each of the warring Chinese forces expect to occupy Shanghai before the new year.

A BROAD VIEW.

M. VANDERVELDE ON THE BRITISH NOTES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
BRUSSELS, Wednesday.

British intentions towards China received a generous tribute to-day from M. Vandervelde, the Belgian Foreign Minister, in a reply which he made to an interpellation regarding Chinese affairs by a Communist deputy in the Chamber.

M. Vandervelde said: "Since my recent visit to Geneva a certain number of facts have occurred tending to show that the Great Powers interested in China have widely different policies.

"On the 16th of this month the Belgian Minister in Peking informed me that Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister in China, a Councillor of the United States Legation, and a high official of the Japanese Foreign Office, were at Hankow engaged in conversations with representatives of the Canton Government. Since then we have received news that the British *Chargé d'Affaires* in Peking has communicated to the representatives of the other Treaty Powers a memorandum defining the policy which Great Britain suggests should be followed towards China.

A BROAD VIEW.

"This document has been communicated to us. I regret to say that I cannot at present inform you of its contents, but, after having perused it, I may say that the principles which it sets out, the policy which it proposes, and the immediate measures which it suggests, bear witness to a breadth of view and a conciliatory desire to meet the aspirations of the Chinese people which cannot be too greatly admired.

"Great Britain appeals to the other Powers for unity, not in order to impose or maintain treaties which have seen their day, but to revise and adapt them in accordance with the just demands of a people which desires to be treated as an equal and sovereign nation. I am convinced that Great Britain's call will not remain unheeded."

AGAINST INTERVENTION.

M. Vandervelde concluded by pointing out that all the representatives of the Great Powers most interested in Chinese affairs had expressed their dislike of any policy of military intervention.

Subsequently the House passed a vote of confidence in the Government.

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"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

THE COMEDY OF BRAY.

"The whole thing is a farce" was the considered statement made with reference to the long-drawn-out controversy that is being waged over the name of Bray, Co. Wicklow, by one of its leading citizens. He made it with a gesture that denoted, not resentment, but resignation; for resentment, he carefully explained, had long since died out, and the majority of the townspeople, who desired to retain the old name, looked on with more or less amusement. They were content to let the little comedy do them good by the publicity which it brought to their growing and popular township. The town now has so many appellations that to name it by any one of them might be wrong. The wise man calls it "Bray"; the foolish ones wrangle over the spelling and pronunciation of "Bri-Cualann," "Bri-Chualann," and "Bri Cualann"; Gaelic scholars would have it called "Bré," and are told that "Bré" is not Irish, while the peace-makers suggest as a happy medium "Bri," which, according to trustworthy information, is good Irish.

ACT ONE.

The trouble—or the fun—started as far back as 1923. On September 4 of that year the Bray Urban District Council passed a resolution changing the name of the township from Bray to Bri-Cualann. The change was sanctioned by the County Council and was officially declared by advertisement.

The matter passed out of memory, except for the fact that the railway company erected signboards at the station with the name "Bri-Cualann," which people averred was spelt wrongly, because the "C" had not been aspirated.

ACT TWO.

When the new Council came into office in July of 1925 a resolution was carried rescinding the name Bri-Cualann, and calling the town by the old name—Bray. The County Council refused to sanction the change, but suggested that the town should be called Bré with Bray in brackets—"Bré (Bray)." The resolution was sent back by the Urban Council, and the County Council asked that consideration of the matter should be postponed until a special conference could be held between members of the Gaelic League and representatives of the Urban Council to decide the proper name. The Urban Council, however, in October, 1925, decided to take a plebiscite of the electors on the subject; but the Minister for Local Government said that he had no power to sanction such a step. The conference took place on last June 16, and reported in favour of "Bré," with Bray in brackets. The report was rejected by the Urban Council and the resolution was sent back to the County Council.

ACT THREE.

The curtain rose on the next scene of the comedy when, at a meeting of the Urban Council on last October 5, Mr. McNulty proposed that the town be called "Bri," but that the use of the English form—Bray—be also authorised. The resolution was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman. On last Tuesday night, however, at a meeting of the Council, a motion by Mr. Heatly declaring the previous resolution invalid was carried. From out the chaos emerges the fact that Bray still is Bray to everybody, and that Bri-Cualann is the official title.

Clouds, however, are massing on the near horizon, and still further name wars may be waged.

Bray is the Anglicised form of Bri-Cualann, which means the Headland of Cuala—Bray Head. It gets its name from one of the oldest Irish baronies, that of Cuala. The district of Cuala extends from the Dodder at Dundrum to the Breeches of Kilcool.

POTEEN-SATURATED CABIN.

RAID ON CONNEMARA BOAT.

A struggle aboard a Connemara boat on which a quantity of poteen was discovered by the Guards in the course of a search, was described at Ardrahan District Court when Martin King, Bartley King and Laurence King, all of Tiernea, Connemara, were brought up charged with being in possession of illicit spirits at Tyrone, Kilcolgan, on 2nd inst.

Sergeant Wynne, Kilcolgan, gave evidence that with Guards Ryan and Cassidy he was on duty at Tyrone, when he noticed a Connemara boat, of which he became suspicious. He went out on a small boat, and when he got aboard and searched the boat he found a keg, half-gallon measure, a tap and a funnel. He heard voices in the cabin, and called on the men below to come up.

Martin King came up part of the way, and he took hold of him and tried to pull him on deck. King bit him on the hand. He and the other Guards had to use violence, and eventually succeeded in getting the two Kings, Martin and Bartley, out of the boat. It would be then about 8 o'clock at night.

He spoke English to the Kings, and they ejaculated something in Irish which he could not understand.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Dea, the witness said that he may have hit Martin King with his hands, but used only as much violence as was necessary.

Was there blood on him—on the head and face and in his eyes?—There was a little blood on him.

What caused these wounds on his head?—By falling against the sharp edges of the boat in his struggle to resist arrest.

Did you hit him on the head?—I did with my hands.

Did you use a baton?—No; only on the arm.

Guard Cassidy deposed that when they got aboard the Connemara boat, he saw Laurence running along the deck with something in his hand, which he threw overboard. He stopped him when he came back and handcuffed him. The cabin of the boat was saturated with poteen. They brought all the stuff and the prisoners on shore with difficulty, and at about 7 o'clock on the following morning a keg was found about 200 yards from the boat.

Martin King was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour, and Bartley King was fined £200, mitigated to £12 10s., the boat to be confiscated. Laurence King, who was said to be under sixteen years of age, was discharged.

The Justice (Mr. Cahill) commended the Guards.

SEIZURES ON THE BORDER.

SURPRISE FOR IRISH-AMERICANS.

Several returned Irish-Americans who travelled out to various destinations in the County Donegal from Londonderry on Monday were compelled to pay heavy duty on taxable articles in their possession.

In one case a man and a woman for the Gweedore district refused to open their trunks or declare their contents, with the result that the railway officials put their luggage out at Bridge End.

When the trunks were opened about twenty pairs of new boots were discovered, also several pounds of tobacco. The two passengers were then arrested, and a large deposit had to be made before they were released.

On the same day a North Donegal trader was found to be in possession of dutiable goods which he failed to declare.

The Customs officials insisted upon a stiff deposit being paid, and it is understood that a prosecution will follow.

BOY WITH LOADED REVOLVER.

A youth, Thomas Quinn, of Divis street, Belfast, was charged in the Belfast Custody Court yesterday with having in his possession a revolver and seven rounds of ammunition without a permit, and also with having the weapon with the intention of endangering life. The accused was remanded for a week in custody for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of the Attorney-General to prosecute.

Head Constable Murphy said that a constable on Tuesday observed a number of boys standing at Cupar street, Falls road. He became suspicious of them, and went over and found in the possession of the prisoner a seven-chambered revolver, fully loaded.

GOVERNMENT SHORTHAND TYPISTS.

Successes of Rosse College, Stephen's Green, Dublin, at last examination:—Misses J. O'Neill, E. Fassbender, M. Lambe, E. McHugh.—(Advt.)

PROTECTION FOR AGRICULTURE.

AIM OF FARMERS' NEW ORGANISATION.

OPENING MEETING IN MARYBOROUGH.

A new organisation, styled the Irish Farmers' Protectionist Organisation, with protection for agriculture as the first plank in its platform, was launched at a meeting of tillage farmers at Maryborough yesterday.

Sixteen million pounds leave this country every year for the products of tillage in other lands, it was stated, and if this money could be kept at home in Ireland, the farmers would be the first people in the country to benefit.

It was decided to prepare a case for submission to the Tariff Commission.

MALTING BARLEY.

A PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Mr. J. W. Young (Stradbally), who presided, advocated a protective tariff on imported malting barley and malt, and said that this particular product of the eight barley-growing counties was not a food product, and he could not, therefore, understand the opposition of the Farmers' Unions of the other counties, and especially of the Executive of the Farmers' Union in Dublin, which apparently only existed to bolster up the old Gladstonian idea of fifty years ago, on the principle that if they put a tariff on any grain product they thereby increased the cost of living, and made it difficult for the poorer members of the community to exist.

The malting barley which was imported in large quantities by Messrs. Guinness was grown in climates very much more favourable than that of Ireland for that kind of product. It was grown by cheap labour in countries like Chile and the Argentine, part of Canada, and in the United States. Now that America had gone "dry" it was coming here in enormous quantities.

THE FREE TRADE IDEA.

The critical Free Traders said that they were paying higher wages in the United States than here, but he had spent the greater part of each year for twenty-two years there, and he would say that labour in the harvest was considerably less there than here, though the individual man got more, because on account of the climate there was only about one-third of the work to be done. The rest was done by machinery and by the climate.

Referring to the high railway freights, he said that they could get barley from Bombay for the same price per ton into London as it could be got from the centre of Ireland to Dublin. Where they had high prices for malting barley there was more land tilled, more employment given, and more money in the farmers' pockets to pay their rates and taxes and bills. He had often talked in days gone by with confirmed Free Traders in England, but they were not confirmed Free Traders now, because both the Farmers' Unions of England and of Scotland had passed unanimous demands for a tariff on foreign malting barley and malt.

THE GALLON OF PORTER.

What many people forgot was that in 1914 the consumer paid for a gallon of porter twenty pence. Of that the farmer got for the barley twopence halfpenny, the Government in taxes got twopence halfpenny, the brewer got 9½d., and the retailer got 5½d. In 1926 they paid 80d. for a gallon of porter. The farmer only got for the barley what went to make up 2¾d., ¼d. more than in 1914. The Government got 33½d. in taxes. Messrs. Guinness were getting 19 1-6d., and the retailers got 24 5-6d. No one could contend that the farmer was getting his just share, and yet it was he who grew the grain and paid taxes and gave employment, and further than that, he maintained the shopkeepers in the small towns and in the farming districts. About 800,000 barrels of malting barley were grown in Ireland, and a tariff of 10s. per barrel would mean that Messrs. Guinness would have to pay about £400,000 to the barley growers of the eight counties. It might be said that the Government ought to reduce the duties, but the country had to be run somehow and the duties on beer and spirits amounted to a very big sum.

Suppose that they did reduce the duties, would Guinness give an equivalent reduction? They reduced the price 10s. a barrel last year, but the retailers had not handed it on to the consumer. Out of the extra amount which Guinness was making, even in addition to the extra taxes, he paid dividends now making three millions a year, and could very well afford to buy at a price which would give another £400,000 to the barley growing farmers. If the money got by a tariff on foreign barley were not given directly to the farmers it could be used to increase the agricultural grant, and so relieve the general taxation.

Adverting to the question of railway rates, the Chairman said that the application before the Railways Tribunal by the Irish railways to increase their rates to 110 and 160 per cent. was absurd.

WHEAT-GROWING IN IRELAND.

Mr. J. J. Bergin, Mayfield, Athy, said that at the time when free trade was forced on this country by the British Government they were growing half a million acres of wheat. To-day they were growing about twenty-five thousand acres. The land was there to grow wheat if they wanted to grow it. The varieties of wheat grown were unsuitable for milling. The Department of Agriculture last year adopted the recommendations of the Grain Conference to embark on a wheat experimental scheme. They grew 300 one-acre plots, and at the end of the year submitted samples to three experts—millers who did not know where the wheat was grown. They placed first in the test grain grown in Kerry, where the rainfall is not less than forty inches per annum, twenty inches higher than in Queen's County. The sample placed second was grown in Galway, and the third was grown in Kerry. The variety grown was Yeoman Wheat, bred in Cambridge University. He advised farmers to grow Yeoman Wheat. There was not enough seed to go round at present, but from the crop on the experimental plots next year plenty would be available in 1927.

Here Mr. Bergin exhibited a sample of flour milled from Yeoman Wheat grown by him, and a sample of home-made bread made from the flour, both of which were pronounced excellent.

Proceeding, Mr. Bergin said that £7,000,000 left the country every year for foreign wheat and flour. A still better variety of wheat, Red Stettin 13, was going through the Department's breeding laboratory at present, and would be out in two years. It is a native which was discovered in Tipperary. It would take about ten years before they had a full supply of Red Stettin seed. By keeping out foreign flour they were going to have all the mills busy. It would be part of the scheme that the millers should not increase the price of flour, and to prevent exportation from port mills an export tax would be fixed at 12s. 6d. per hundredweight. The benefits from the beet growing scheme were only as a grain of sand compared to the good to the country from wheat growing.

FOREIGN PRODUCTS.

Mr. Bergin further dealt with the question of a protective tariff on foreign oats, argued for a tariff of at least five shillings per hundredweight on American and other foreign bacon; and suggested dealing with maize, maize meal and flaked maize on the same lines as wheat and flour—putting a tariff on the latter commodities and admitting maize free of restrictions, but requiring millers to mix home-grown grain with the ground maize in quantities increasing yearly until they would be able to dispense with the maize altogether and feed stock with home-grown products.

Sixteen million pounds, he said, left the country every year for the products of tillage lands in other countries. If they adopted the policy of keeping the sixteen million pounds at home the farmers would be the first to benefit.

The resolution to form the organisation as above stated, with protection as the first plank ni its platform, was proposed by Mr. W. Bailey, Mountmellick, seconded by Mr. R. Hipwell, and passed unanimously.

Resolutions were also passed appointing Mr. J. J. Bergin to prepare a case for submission to the Tariff Commission, and requesting the Minister for Finance to exempt agriculture from the payment of fees to the Tariff Commission.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND THE COPYRIGHT ACTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I have seen Dr. Best's letter, and, of course, accept it. My remark was founded on what I was told when, about nine months ago, I asked for an important work of reference, the "*Alumni Cantabrigenses*." I was told that it was not kept in stock. I pointed out that they had the "*Alumni Oxonienses*" and the "*Alumni Dublinenses*," and why not the other? The answer was that the grant was not sufficient to buy expensive books like it, that it was not likely that it would be purchased, and that I might find it in the Trinity College Library, etc. If I misunderstood what I was told, my intelligence is at fault; but books cost twice what they used to cost, and it is clear that some expensive books of reference are not being purchased for the National Library.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES B. LESLIE.

Kilsaran Rectory, Castlebellingham, December 22nd, 1926.

COMPULSORY IRISH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—In his speech at St. Flannan's College, on the 19th inst., the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty is reported to have said that the statement that compulsory Irish would exclude the teaching of other important subjects was so obviously unfounded that he would describe it as arrant humbug but for the grave names propounding it. May I venture to point out that the "grave names" are those of "responsible men who are engaged in the work of education in great colleges"—in fact, precisely those whom (in an earlier passage) the Bishop advises us to consult if we want a trustworthy judgment on the matter? Possibly their opinions will be stronger than ever when they read Dr. Fogarty's further statement that a little boy is but a little boy, and cannot learn everything.

He admits the educational deficiency in primary schools, but urges that this is due to the foolish abolition of individual examination. There is no doubt as to the deficiency, but few will entirely agree with him as to the cause. May it not be that even the littler boys cannot learn everything at once?—Yours, etc.,

J. H. COUNIHAN, M.B.

River View, Ennis, December 21st, 1926.

LICENCE FOR TROUT-RODS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I think that none of your correspondents on this subject has, up to the present, made any reference whatsoever to the yearly depredations of the poacher on the small streams of the inland counties throughout *Saorstat Eireann*. During the entire fishing season, when the water is below the normal, dams are made by gangs of poachers above and below every likely pool on these little streams. The pool is then teemed with buckets, and every trout, large and small, is captured. I regret to say that this kind of "sport" is indulged by a class of young fellows in the country, who ought to know better. I think a little instruction in the schools now and again as to what constitutes legitimate "sport" would in time prove of immense value in stamping out this cowardly and abominable practice. If this conduct were finally suppressed, I venture to assert that these isolated little streams would simply teem with trembling fins, and an enthusiastic "sport" would not stop short at five shillings for the privilege of fishing them.

Meanwhile, I think that the proposal to impose a rod tax is altogether premature. The first essential is to provide a sufficiency of trout in these rivers for the dozens of fishermen, like myself, who, for the reasons above mentioned, spend days and days thereon during the season without seeing a single fish—not to speak of catching one. To compel us to pay a tax for carrying our rods and empty creels in and out of our houses would, to my mind, be most unjust in the circumstances.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH ROBSON.

Meelick, Maryborough, December 22nd, 1926.

BRISK BUSINESS AT CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

SUPPLIES PLENTIFUL.

The Christmas markets in Belfast yesterday were well attended. St. George's Market is reserved for flowers, fowl, butter, eggs, and fruit, and the spacious building presented a scene of much activity. Turkeys, geese, ducks, hens and chickens packed the benches, customers were plentiful, and prices were fairly steady. There was a plentiful display of plants, flowers, mistletoe, holly, and evergreens. The supply of fruit was one of the most attractive exhibits. The cattle market in Oxford street, Belfast, was devoted to live poultry, and carts with their quotas of turkeys, geese, ducks, or chickens commenced to arrive at an early hour. Business opened very briskly, but later eased off somewhat. Prices were well up to those of recent dates. The May Market was given over to vegetables, and supplies were plentiful. The markets will be continued to-day and to-morrow.

TURKEY AND GEESE PRICES.

Quotations:—Cock and hen turkeys, (dead), 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d. per lb.; live birds, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d.; fine cock birds realised 18s. 6d. to 34s., and hens 11s. to 18s.; geese, 8d. to 1s. per lb., or 8st to 11s. each; ducks, 4s. to 4s. 9d. each; hens, 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; chickens, 4s. to 5s. 6d.

There was a small supply of turkeys in yesterday's market at Derry, most of the birds apparently having been bought up in the country earlier in the month. Prime birds sold at 1s. 4d. per lb., an advance of 6d. from last week. Geese brought 8s. each, hens 7s. 6d. per pair, ducks 7s. per pair.

The annual Christmas fowl market at Wicklow this year was the largest seen for many years, and brisk business resulted. Turkeys fetched 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d. per lb., geese 9d. and 10d. All on offer were cleared quickly.

Turkeys sold at 1s. per lb. at the Galway market.

ENNISCORTHY CATTLE FAIR.

The Christmas cattle fair, known as St. Thomas's fair, held in Enniscorthy last Tuesday was small, but buyers were plentiful and trade brisk. Beef reached 40s. per cwt. live weight. In some instances a little more was paid for really prime quality. Stores were more saleable than in the November fair, and suitable lots were readily disposed of at good average prices.

Yearlings were sold at £5 to £8, two-year-olds up to £15. There were very few three-year-olds on offer. For milch cows the demand was poor, except for the very best quality. There were plenty of buyers, however, for best milch cows with calf at foot, and up to £24 and £26 was paid for these. Sheep were in better demand than last month, and fat sheep averaged 65s. per head. Lambs were 35s. to 45s. Small pigs were slightly cheaper, and met a steady demand. All classes of horses were sold readily.

LIMERICK FARMERS AND TARIFFS.

The County Limerick Agricultural Committee discussed yesterday the question of the application of tariffs to agriculture, and deferred it to the next meeting.

Mr. J. McCormack, Chairman, stated that in an agricultural country like Ireland they were not able to produce winter butter, and the result was that they were selling butter at a cheap rate and buying at a dear rate. He mentioned that in the United States tariffs apply to everything—bacon, butter and fruit. He asked for an expression of opinion from the members on a subject that was of vital importance to the agricultural community.

Mr. Quaid said that he thought that every creamery in the country should be supplied with cold storage for butter, in order to meet in the winter time the requirements of the home market. New Zealand butter was in cold storage in England three months of the year, and the same thing should apply to their country.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan said that the milling industry should be also protected, and he observed that the application of tariffs generally would mean a better standard of living and increased employment.

The Chairman said that so far as the milling industry was concerned, it would shortly have cheap power from the Shannon scheme, and, that being so, there was nothing to prevent flour from being milled on a big scale, and thus keep out the foreign product.

The members generally expressed themselves in favour of the application of tariffs to imported butter, bacon and flour.

Running along a road at Wapping (London) a boy accidentally knocked over a danger lamp, which set fire to the watchman's hut and necessitated the summoning of the fire brigade.

AEROPLANE ON A MOUNTAIN.

SUCCESSFUL LANDING ON HELVELLYN.

At the third attempt Mr. John Leeming, Chairman of the Lancashire Aero Club, yesterday afternoon succeeded in landing in an aeroplane on the top of Helvellyn Mountain, 3,150 feet high, in the Lake District. He was accompanied by Mr. Bert Hinckler, the Avro test pilot, and the enterprise was undertaken to demonstrate the adaptability of modern aircraft.

The first attempt was made on Wednesday last week, when the airmen were baulked by fog and hailstorms. On Tuesday last they flew together from Woodford Aerodrome, near Manchester, but found a gale of wind, and, returning to Lancaster, had trouble with the engine plugs, and spent the night there, starting from Lancaster yesterday afternoon. The feat was accomplished, and the aeroplane returned to Windermere to get petrol.

TREACHEROUS AIR.

Mr. Leeming a fortnight ago climbed the mountain and selected two landing places near the top. Since then some of the rough places had been smoothed over, and it was arranged that men should lay strips of coloured material to mark the dangerous spots. A fire was also to be lighted to give the direction of the wind.

After accomplishing the feat Mr. Leeming said to the *Manchester Evening News*:—"We did not land on either of the places selected, but within ten yards of the stone cross that marks the summit. Both landing and taking off again were safely accomplished, but the air in the mountain ranges was very treacherous. The bumps were at times simply appalling, and once the machine had a sheer drop of five hundred feet. On Helvellyn we took photographs, and there was a man on top who signed a certificate for us."

The aeroplane later returned safely to Woodford.

FLIGHT OF THE AIR LINERS.

MALTA A LINK IN AN "ALL RED" ROUTE.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES."

MALTA, Wednesday.

The first of the two De Havilland Hercules biplanes which are flying to Cairo for use on the Cairo-Karachi air route reached Halfar Aerodrome at 11 a.m. from Catania (Sicily), where it landed yesterday on its way to Malta from Naples. The weather here was excellent. This is regarded as a further step in the scheme of making Malta a link in an "All-Red" air chain, which has been under consideration since 1922, when Lord Gorell stated in the House of Lords that on the way to India the first flight would be to Malta.

In February, 1923, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker stated at the air conference in the Guildhall that tenders had been invited for three machines, of which one was intended for service such as that from London to Malta. When Field Marshal Lord Plumer opened the Halfar Aerodrome he said that it was constructed, not only for military, but also for civil commercial flying.

The second De Havilland Hercules biplane landed at Halfar at 12.30 p.m.

TYPEWRITING IN THE AIR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MALTA, Wednesday.

The first D. H Hercules Cairo-Karachi air liner, containing Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker and Air Commodore and Mrs. Weir among the passengers, arrived at Malta to-day only one hour and a half before the second Hercules machine, with two women and one male passenger, Prince Abdel Hamid Chawarbi, a young Egyptian student, although the second machine left London two days later.

One of the passengers who decided at the last moment to fly to Egypt was Mrs. Florence Evelyn Scopflocher, a Canadian lecturer, who will fly on to Bagdad and India if possible. So steady was the aeroplane that the women passengers were able to use a typewriter.

FLYING OVER VESUVIUS.

Everyone enjoyed the journey, in which nobody felt airsick, particularly flying over the smoking crater of Vesuvius. Great credit is due to the pilot, Captain Hinchcliffe, who is in charge of the machine, and to the Italian authorities, who expedited re-fuelling and passport formalities. The actual flying time from London to Malta was fifteen hours and two minutes.

IN A RAIN STORM.

The first machine yesterday encountered a very heavy gale and rain fifty miles from Naples, and was obliged to land at Catania (Sicily), which place she left for Malta at half-past nine this morning, covering the distance in just one-and-a-half hours. It is claimed that the air liner did the flight from London to Paris in record time. All speak very highly of the stability and airworthiness of both machines which will resume their flight at about seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE.

VIEWS ON PRONUNCIATION OF LATIN.

At the Headmasters' annual Conference, which was opened at Brighton yesterday, Mr. Arnold, of Eastbourne, moved:—"That the reformed pronunciation of Latin having now had a fair trial, had failed to justify itself by results." He confessed to sympathy with the dull boy, who, he said, was often, morally speaking, one of the most valuable members of the community, and should not be further handicapped, as he was, by the reformed pronunciation. The Headmaster of Eton had sent a letter to the preparatory schools stating that the reformed pronunciation was no longer essential at Eton.

Mr. R. Cary Gilson, of Birmingham, who opposed the resolution, observed:—"The villain of the piece at the present time is the Headmaster of Eton. I wish he were here. I should not hesitate to say the same thing—I think it deplorable that he should have sent his letter to the preparatory schools."

The resolution was rejected.

"COURTING DISASTER."

NO RED REAR LIGHTS ON CYCLES

When dismissing a motorist charged with dangerous driving at Moot Hall Police Court (Newcastle) yesterday, the Chairman said that the Bench were unanimously of opinion that people who ride motor cycles and push cycles without red rear lights court disaster. It is a deplorable thing that the law permits motor cyclists and push cyclists to ride machines without rear lights.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH CLAIMS.

NEW CONCESSION PROBABLE.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday.

Negotiations have been proceeding in Constantinople for some time between representatives of the Eastern Telegraph Company and the Turkish Government in regard to the settlement of old claims, and the granting of a new concession. It is now reported that an agreement is in sight, and that the Eastern Telegraph Company will be granted a new concession. The company will compensate the Government for claims arising from the Armistice period, to an amount, it is stated, of approximately £100,000.—(Per Press Association, Copyright.)

TEACHER'S ARREST IN BELFAST.

Patrick J. Thornbury, a Belfastman, who was unconditionally released at the end of 1924, after having been interned for two years, was arrested in Belfast last night by officers of the R.U.C., and conveyed to the police station, where he was detained pending the result of inquiries from the Home Office. After his release in 1924 he remained in Belfast until August, 1925, when he went to Dublin, and it is stated took up a teaching appointment. When his school in Dublin closed for the Christmas holidays he went to Belfast, and as he left the train he was served with an order prohibiting him from entering the city or Counties of Antrim or Down. He did not comply with the order, and was subsequently taken into custody.

OBITUARY.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL OWEN-LEWIS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Francis Owen-Lewis, D.S.O., died at his residence in Barkston Gardens, London, S.W., yesterday, at the age of 58, says *The Times*. The eldest son of Mr. Henry Owen-Lewis, D.L., of Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan, M.P. for Carlow, he joined the Army in 1889, and went with his regiment, the Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment (the Green Howards) to India. He served in the South African War from 1900 to 1902, being mentioned in dispatches, receiving the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps, and being awarded the D.S.O.

Soon afterwards he joined the Irish Civil Service, and was Inspector of Prisons in 1914, when the war broke out. He was then appointed General Staff Officer in the Irish Command, and had a very responsible position during the Irish rebellion of 1916. In 1917 he went to France, where he served as a Q.M.G., being again mentioned in dispatches, and receiving the military O.B.E.

Lieutenant-Colonel Owen-Lewis last year founded the Army Officers' Art Society, holding an exhibition of paintings in the R.B.A. Galleries—the work of past and present officers of the Regular Army—which was opened by the Duke of Connaught. The society proved so successful, thanks to the energy displayed by him as Hon. Secretary and organiser, that a second exhibition was held last October in the Spring Gardens Galleries, and was again opened by His Royal Highness, a satisfactory sum being handed over to Lord Haig's Fund as the result. Lieutenant-Colonel Owen-Lewis was a Deputy Lieutenant for County Monaghan. He married in 1896 Kathleen, daughter of Mr. William Henry, of Tivoli, Co. Dublin.

SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

The death occurred at his residence, Tatchbury, Mount Tottin, Hampshire, yesterday of Sir Daniel Fulthorpe Gooch, Bart. Sir Daniel, who was fifty-seven years of age, had been ailing for about a fortnight. Two years ago he had a leg amputated. His elder son, Lancelot Daniel Edward, a midshipman in the Royal Navy, died on active service during the Great War in 1915, and he is succeeded in the title by his sole surviving son, Robert Douglas, who was born in 1905.

Sir Daniel was the third holder of a baronetcy conferred in 1866 on Sir Daniel Gooch, for many years chairman of the Great Western Railway, England, for his services in connection with the inauguration of telegraphic communication with the United States. This first baronet was a notable figure in the railway world. Before becoming chairman of the company he had served for twenty-seven years as locomotive superintendent of the Great Western Railway.

MR. P. MEENAN, J.P.

Mr. Patrick Meenan, J.P., died on Tuesday last at his residence, Ballycraigy House, Muckamore, County Antrim. Mr. Meenan was very popular in the Antrim district. For many years he was Master of the Killultagh and Old Rock and Chichester Harriers, and he took a lively interest in the Antrim Agricultural Show. Mr. Meenan was unmarried.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY PLAYERS.

PRAISEWORTHY AMATEUR PERFORMANCE.

If there is one thing to be admired in the Queen's University Dramatic Society it is its courage; for to attempt, with a fair measure of success, both Shaw and Chesterton on the same evening is surely a courageous thing. It may be said that this denotes a certain recklessness as to results, a rushing in where angels fear to tread; but the results at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, last night justified the means appreciably. "Magic" was pleasingly done, and pretty thoroughly done, indeed, when it is kept in mind that the actors all were amateurs, and all young amateurs at that. In parts the work was somewhat spiritless, and the brilliant talk of which the play is made did not always sparkle as it should. Still, one sat through it and found a good deal of pleasure in it, and, apart from purely critical standards, that is not a bad test.

"The Shewing-up of Blanco Posnet" is not so difficult a play, and the company gave an adequate presentation of it. Samuel Taggart was a little too robust as the self-sufficient and sanctimonious Elder Daniels, and for this reason he failed to be convincing, particularly in the early scene with Blanco (Hugh Leighton), who gave, on the whole, a satisfactory interpretation of his part. George B. Hanna was a good Sheriff Kemp; but his marked Northern accent seemed a little incongruous in such a setting, and his facial contortions were slightly overdone.

CLERGYMAN'S CENTURY.

PRESBYTERY HONOURS THE REV. H. M. BUTLER.

The Rev. H. M. Butler, who last week completed his 75th year of continuous ministry in the Magilligan Church and on Saturday attained the great age of 100 years, was entertained at a luncheon on Tuesday by the Limavady Presbytery.

In addition to a full attendance of members of Limavady Presbytery, there were also present representatives from the various churches throughout the district, and many personal friends of the Rev. Mr. Butler.

In proposing the toast of "Our Guest," the Rev. David Parke, M.A., Moderator of the Presbytery, who presided, said that on Saturday last Mr. Butler was 100 not out—(hear hear, and applause)—and, judging by his appearance that day, they had every reason to believe that, in cricket parlance, he would carry his bat well into the second innings. He started this second century, he felt sure, a good deal stronger on his legs than he did his first century. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

It was the wish and prayer of everyone that his life might yet be long spared to be a gracious benediction to that neighbourhood and for the whole Church. He could assure Mr. Butler that the luncheon was spontaneous on the part of his co-Presbyters of their love and esteem for him as a man and minister. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, they congratulated him on the attainment of his century, and wished him many happy returns. (Applause.)

The Rev. Mr. Butler, responding, said that he was crushed under the weight of their great kindness, and felt it difficult to speak at all. They had attached great importance to his having reached the age of one hundred years. He had nothing to do with this longevity. He was not responsible. He was in the keeping of God, and they should give God the glory. He thanked them, and prayed that God might bless them. (Applause.)

"HOLD-UP" NEAR DERRY.

When Henry Doherty, the driver of a bread van belonging to Messrs. Eaton and Company, Londonderry, was returning to the city late at night, on the completion of his rounds in the country, he was "held up" at Fincaun by three masked men, two of whom were armed. The robbers, however, found only 5s. 6d. in cash in his possession. This they seized, together with a cheque for £5.

SUGAR BEET COMPETITION.

The following results of the sugar beet competition, held under the auspices of the Wexford Agricultural Society for the best crop grown in County Wexford, are announced:—Capt. M. Henehan, Kilmannock, Campile, 89 marks; Mr. W. Lacy, Gastlellis, 86; Mr. Laughlin Rafter, Shranghmolin, 83; Lieutenant-Colonel L. A. Bryan, Bormount, 82, and Mr. J. Kearns, Lady's Island, 80.

ADULTERATED WHISKEY.

For selling whiskey 45.87 per cent. under proof, instead of 25 per cent. under proof, John Studdert, publican, Kilmurry-McMahon, County Clare, was fined £3 and costs, with licence endorsement, at Kilrush District Court, the Justice remarking that the whiskey was half water.

John O'Dea, publican, Kilrush, was fined £1 1s. for selling whiskey containing 7 per cent. added water.

BANK CLERKSHIPS.

All the Students sent forward for the last Munster and Leinster and Bank of Ireland examinations from the Oral Classes at SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, were successful.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS IRREGULAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks ruled irregular, but trading was fairly heavy, reports of a record-breaking holiday trade, together with another series of Christmas dividends, attracting attention. The heaviness of some Standard Rails was attributed to an official denial of the dividend rumours concerning some of the large Roads, but St. Louis and San Francisco Common and Preferred Shares reached new high "records" for the year, and Erie First Preferred touched the highest price for a decade. Buying of Motors centred largely in General Motors, Nash Motors, and Hudson, in view of the introduction of new models at the forthcoming motor show. Pools displayed activity in a number of specialities, particularly South Porto Rican Sugar, which rose 6 points. The buying of certain Industrials quietened in the last hour, but others became prominent, several advancing 2 points or more. The market closed irregular. Government Bonds irregular; Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales totalled 1,390,000 shares.

Money on call closed firm at 5½ p.c. bid and 5¾ p.c. asked. All business was transacted at 5½ p.c. Sterling exchange irregular. Silver ⅛c. higher at 53½.

	Wed.	Tues.
Call Money	5½b. 5¾a.	5½b. 5¾a.
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.80⅝	4.80 9/16
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.84¾	4.84⅝
Cable Transfers	4.85¼	4.85⅛
Do. Montreal	4.85⅝	4.85½
Exchange Paris cable	3.97½	4.01

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Wed	Tues.
105⅜	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
171 5/16	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	166¼	167¼
104¼	Do. Pref.	101⅛	101
111 1/16	Baltimore and Ohio	107¾	108⅛
172⅛	Canadian Pacific	167	168¾
8⅞	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	8⅝	9
83¾	Chicago and North-West	81¼	81⅜
42¼	Erie Shares	41	41⅝
54⅞	Erie 1st Preferred	53¼	53½
126¾	Illinois Central	123	125
136 1/16	Louisville and Nashville	132	132
34¼	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	33¼	33¼
40 11/16	Missouri Pacific New	39½	40½
145 5/16	New York C'tral & Hudson R.	141¼	143½
165 15/16	Norfolk and West Com.	161	162
82 7/16	Northern Pacific Com.	80	80
58⅝	Pennsylvania Shares	56⅞	56⅞
101½	Reading Shares	98½	99⅛
41¾	Do. Pref.	40½	40½
124 11/16	Southern Railway	121	121⅞
113⅝	Southern Pacific	110¼	110⅝
167 5/16	Union Pacific	162⅝	163⅛
82 13/16	Do. Pref.	80⅜	80⅜
148 15/16	American Smelt. and Refining	144½	143⅛
50⅞	Anaconda Copper	49⅜	48¾
24 5/16	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	23½	23⅜
113⅝	New York Consolidated Gas	110	110⅞
89⅝	General Electric (New Stock)	87	86
177¼	National Lead	172	173
161¼	United States Steel Common	156½	157
132 15/16	Do. Pref.	129	129¼
48 15/16	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	47½	47⅞
157 7/16	General Motors (New)	152¾	151½
6 7/16	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	6¼	6⅜
39 11/16	Do. Pref Certs.	38½	38⅝
44 13/16	Shell Ordinary	43½	43¼
67⅝	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	65⅝	65¾
20 1/16	Anglo-American Oil	19½	19½
30⅛	Shell Union Oil Corp.	29¼	29⅛
63⅜	U.S. Rubber	61½	61¾
54⅝	American Can. (New Stock)	53	53⅜
33⅝	International Pet. of Canada	32⅝	32⅜
—	Silver Commercial Bars	53½	53⅛
	BONDS.		
95 5/16	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	92¾	92⅝
76⅜	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	74⅜	74½
97⅝	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	94¾	—
110 5/16	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bonds	107¼	107¼
	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	—	117¼
107 1/16	Do. Do. 1937	104⅝	104½
109½	7 per cent. German Loan	106¼	106½

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices. Wed.	Mon.
90 9/16	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	88	88½
25 1/16	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	24½	24⅝
88	Do. Pref.	83½	85¾
107 5/16	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	104⅛	104¾
1 9/16	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	⅞	⅞
19 5/16	Do 1st Preference Series B	18½	18½
2 15/16	Do 2nd Preference	2¾	2¾
36¼	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.	35⅛	36½
120 7/16	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	117	119
120 7/16	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	117	117½
29 1/16	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	28¼	31⅛
33 11/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.	32½	31
	Do. Preferred	91	91
263	Con. Mining & Smelt Co. of Canada, Ltd.	258½	258
105	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	102	102½
114¼	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	111½	112
72 1/16	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	70	69¼
67⅛	National Breweries, Ltd.	65½	65¾
66 13/16	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	65	66
274 15/16	Shawinigan Water & Power Co.	267	267
106	Spanish R. P & P'r Mills, Ltd.	103	104
117⅜	Do. Preferred	114	115½
122 1/16	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	119	119¼

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots easy, 1⅜c. to 1¼c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	159⅞	160⅞
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	154⅛	155⅝
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	153⅛	154⅛
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	158⅜	159½

Futures easy, 1⅜c. to 1c. down. Closing options—Dec., 145⅛; May, 144⅛; July, 137⅛.

Sales for export—25 boatloads.

RYE barely steady and 1⅛c. lower. No. 2 spot, 109½.

BARLEY steady and unchanged. American malting, 79

MAIZE barely steady and 1⅜c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	87⅞	89¼

Sales for export—Nil.

LARD steady and unchanged. Prime Western steam, 12.85; Middle West, 12.65 to 12.75.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 7.00 to 7.25.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter, 4/-.
Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs., 16c.
Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 60c.
Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 75c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	19.15	19.15
Standard White in barrels	15.75	19.75
Do. Philadelphia	15.75	15.75
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.80-3.15	2.80-3.15

RUBBER closed firm, 10 points down to 20 points up. First latex crepe spot, 38⅜ buyers, smoked ribbed sheets spot, 38⅜ buyers, 38⅜ sellers.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth—Light-weight, 6.65; heavy-weight, 9.75.

COFFEE—

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.
To-day	14.59	14.55	14.53	13.99	13.50	13.00
Prev. day	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.00	13.53	13.03

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unchanged; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 5.08. Futures easy, 3 to 6 points down. Approximate day's sales, 55,000 tons.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.
To-day	3.21	3.19	3.22	3.29	3.35	3.41
Prev. day	3.24	3.22	3.26	3.32	3.41	3.46

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 7.

TURPENTINE—Spirits of turpentine, 86½; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 80.

METALS—Tin barely steady, 25 to 37½ points lower. Spot and near-by, 67.75. Future option—Feb., 67.00. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady and unchanged, 7.80. Zinc steady and unaltered; East St. Louis spot, 7.02½. Pig Iron steady; No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. Eastern Pennsylvania, 22.00 to 22.50; f.o.b. Buffalo 19.00 to 20.00. Bessemer Steel Rails, 43.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

WHEAT opened barely steady, ½c. to ⅞c. down, and closed easy, 1⅛c. to 1⅛c. lower. Opening options—Dec., unquoted; May, 136¼; July, 135½. Closing options—Dec., 132⅜; May, 133⅝; July, 134⅞. Rye easy, 1½c. to 1¼c. lower. Closing options—Dec., 92¼; May, 97¾. Oats barely steady and ½c. lower. Closing options—Dec., 57½; May, 59¼. Barley barely steady, 1c. to ⅞c. down. Closing options—Dec., 64⅜; May, 68¾. Flaxseed barely steady, 2⅛c. lower. Closing options—Dec., 187¼; May, 193½.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	21	51
No. 2 Northern	68	86
No. 3 Northern	40	75
No. 4 Northern	13	52
Other grades	988	1,064
Total	1,130	1,328

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady at 5 to 10 points advance, and closed firm, with current option 31 and later positions 21 to 15 points up. Spot steady at 15 points gain. New Orleans spot 21 points higher.

Spot middling upland at New York—13.10.
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Receipts—Atlantic ports 9,000 bales; Gulf, 47,000; Pacific nil; interior towns, 6,000.
Exports—Great Britain, nil; Continent, 27,000 bales; Japan, 16,000.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened barely steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower, influenced by the Government acreage figures; but the bearish condition was ignored. The Government's weekly weather report, indicating that no damage had been done to the crop by the recent cold spell over the winter belt, offset a private bullish Canadian crop estimate, and at the close the market was easy, 1⅛c. to 1⅜c. down. Spot firm.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	144¼	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	141¼	—

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	142⅜	141⅛	133½
Prev. day	139⅜	139⅝	132⅜

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	141⅛	140¼	132⅜
Prev. day	142¾	142	134⅛

MAIZE was barely steady and ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower at the opening. The market closed easy at 1⅛c. to 1⅜c. fall.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed	—	75¼

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	74½	83¼	86¼
Prev. day	73⅞	81⅝	84¾

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	73⅞	82¼	85¼
Prev. day	75¼	83¾	86⅝

OATS barely steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	46½	50½	49¼
Prev. day	46⅞	51¼	49½

RYE barely steady. Futures ⅜c. to 1⅛c. lower. No. 2. spot, unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	93⅞	100½	98⅞
Prev. day	94⅝	101⅝	100

PROVISIONS—Lard at the opening was steady, but values eased in sympathy with corn and on a poor cash inquiry. The market rallied, however, on covering, due to favourable advices from Europe, and closed steady, with futures unchanged to 5 and spot 2½ points up. Ribs finished 10 points lower. Lard, spot, 12.12½.

Lard—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	12.07½	12.15	12.35
Prev. day	12.02½	12.15	12.30

Ribs—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	—	13.65	13.65
Prev. day	—	13.75	13.75

BACON remains steady. Short ribbed sides (60 lbs. average), 14.25.

HOGS steady at late rates. Light hogs, 11.10 to 11.60; heavy hogs, 11.25 to 11.70.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	105,000	103,000
" Chicago	16,000	16,000

The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total (amended) 4,339,000, against 4,737,000 for the same season last year.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

MEMORIES OF DUBLIN.

(BY A GRANDMOTHER.)

Sixty years ago—what an age it seems to the young; yet at this festive season memory brings us in a few moments back to the days of childhood. I remember how we longed for a real Christmas-card time, a time of holly, tame robins, frost, snow and moonlight. In any case, we were sure of the man from the mountains with his "Holly a'livey, all berries, all berries," and wondered where he found such a quantity. I still wonder. We did not question the quality when a tempting branch was brought to the door, but gave a big order, although we often found that the goods delivered were not quite true to sample—an occurrence not solely confined to this line of business. However, we had helped to lighten the burden of the patient donkeys, whose backs were mercifully, but inadequately, protected by an old sack from the goading of their prickly load.

Memories of old customs, places, cries, etc., come crowding in; so we shall take an imaginary trip, starting from the centre of the city and working outwards. How many of our friends in their "seventies" can remember the "Treacle-Billy" man of Carlisle Bridge fame, with his tall silk hat and white coat? There he stood, before the bridge was widened and re-named, tending his coffee-stall and dealing out the islands of dough with a small lake of treacle or golden syrup in the centre. Tall hats in those days were not reserved for funerals and weddings only, but were a matter of every-day apparel. He usually disappeared about 9 o'clock a.m., as passers-by after that hour were not likely to require his services.

Passing through Westmoreland street we reach Plasto's hat-shop in Brunswick street and stop a moment to see if the cars for Irishtown are still waiting for their full load of three aside, 3d. *per* seat, before starting. Here I am reminded of a story about a young friend of mine who, one day, mounted one of these cars, paid her fare, and patiently awaited her fellow-passengers. On seeing a brawny Highlander, with conspicuously bare knees, taking his seat beside her, she immediately began to descend, as to be seen with a soldier of any rank or regiment in those days was quite "*infra dig.*" However, he bade her sit still and assured her that there was "na harm done, lassie," and, although the cynosure of all eyes, she travelled side by side with her Kiltie until they reached Beggar's Bush Barracks, where he left her.

Passing under the pillars of the Bank of Ireland, leaving the second-hand umbrellas, we wend our way up Grafton street, and, in fancy, we hear again sounds of mirth and song from "Jude's," and are arrested at the corner of Lemon street by the music of Fortune's auto-organ, music accompanied by the quaffing of the cup that fulfilled more than its mission—which is to cheer. Another cup lately adorned the windows of the building now occupying Fortune's site—a trophy, betokening improved trading in this busy thoroughfare where cafés now take the place of gin-palaces.

From the precincts of the present Grafton street, with its festive garlands, we reach the St. Stephen's Green of the past, with its closed gates, and look for the old woman who sits at the College of Surgeons with her basket of Dutch dolls, dressed in college robes and mortar boards, souvenirs of Dublin which found their way into many homes. I remember well one that I possessed, and, although "sweet girl graduates" were a thing of the dim, distant future, yet my treasured doll wore a skirt of Stuart tartan, but I saw nothing incongruous in the skirt, rosy cheeks, or the sharp nose of my little student.

As the North side of the city holds more familiar memories, we shall retrace our steps, pausing on our way back from Portobello to glance at the sign of "The Old Grinding Young." Recrossing Carlisle Bridge, we pass old Blind Zozimus, and continue up Sackville street, passing Nelson Pillar (soon also, I fear, to be only a landmark in memory), Rotunda Gardens, and Mountjoy square, the home of Chief Justice Whiteside. Perhaps, we may meet handsome Councillor McDonagh, immaculately dressed, and wearing his usual lavender tie.

Memory next strays towards Clontarf and the old bathing boxes, through the open slits of which mischievous boys used to peep. Their amusement was of short duration, as the bathing-woman quickly dispersed them by a method of her own, which consisted in a vigorous sweep of a garment well saturated in the briny. Finding ourselves in the neighbourhood of Jones's road, we are reminded of Donnelly's orchard, where, if you were fortunate enough to possess fourpence, and were inclined to purchase wholesale, you could get enough apples to make you feel uncomfortable for some time.

We need not fear temptation now, as houses take the place of apple trees. We can find no old friend now—the "Cat and Cage" on our way to Drumcondra, or the big tree at Dean Swift's house, or the fields of cabbage stretching from the canal to North Circular road: all have disappeared.

There are no tramcars here, and, as we have wandered many miles already, we must go back, leaving behind us old memories of figures, such as the "Honey-comb" man, with the big dish of honey mysteriously balanced on his head; the water "grass" woman, whose morning call awakened us; the cockleman's nightly visit, Old Peter with his black turf, four a penny, and await the return of "Rory of the Hills" and his donkeys. If one may judge by the ever-lengthening of the donkeys' hoofs and their dejected appearance, coupled with the fact that no one has ever seen a dead ass, these, possibly, may be the identical friends of our youth; and so we look forward to welcome this, the one remaining, link with the past.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — *An anti-cyclone of exceptional intensity is centred over Southern Scandinavia, and the barometer is still rising generally. Easterly winds will continue for some days, with mainly fair weather, but local wintry showers near the East coast. Temperature will fall over Southern England, and will continue rather low elsewhere.*

Ireland. — *Wind easterly to south-easterly, light or moderate; fair; visibility mainly moderate to good; rather cold; frost locally at night.*

All Irish Seaboards.—*Wind easterly to south-easterly, moderate or light; fair; local coast mist; sea slight.*

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain. m.m.	Sun hour
16	30.220	36.9	47	36	25	W.	—	—
17	29.888	46.7	49	43	37	W.	0.2	0.7
18	30.072	44.4	47	40	34	N.W.	0.3	1.1
19	30.220	41.8	49	41	31	W.	0.1	0.0
20	30.382	45.4	46	37	34	W.	0.1	1.1
21	30.448	38.8	41	34	27	N.W.	—	0.1
22	30.722	40.9	43	32	22	E.	0.3	1.0

THE SUN.

To-day.... Rises .. 8.39 Sets 4. 9
To-morrow.. .. .. 8.39 .. .. 4.10
Lighting-up Time 5. 9

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

To-day.... Morning 1.56 Afternoon 2.16
To-morrow.. .. .. 2.37 .. .. 2.58

DENMARK'S GOLD STANDARD.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

The two Chambers of the Riksdag to-day adopted the bill permitting the convertibility of Danish notes into gold, as from January 1st next, at the rate of 28,000 kroner, against one bar gold.—(Reuter.)

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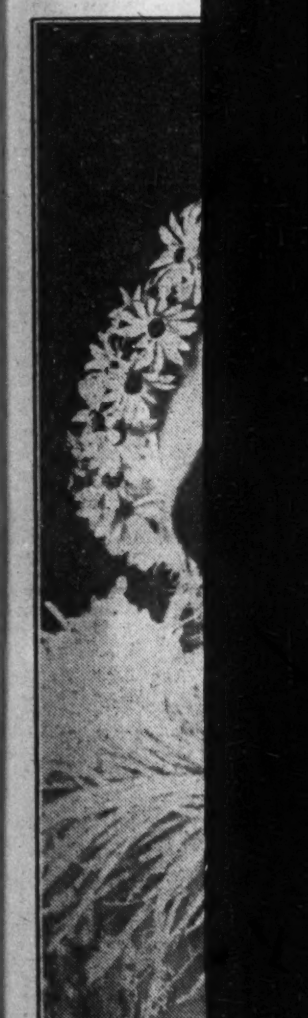

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The Stained Glass Window which Miss C. M. Egan has erected in Rathfarnham Parish Church, as a memorial to her aunt, was dedicated yesterday by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

The Free State Postal Officials never were busier than they are this Christmastide. A photograph taken yesterday at the Parcels Office, Amiens street, Dublin.

Mrs. Summerfield distributed toys supplied by the Dublin Rotary Club yesterday at the Children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin.

At the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, members of the Rotary Club distributed toys from a Christmas Tree, to the great delight of the patients.

LATEST FASHION.—A Toque of White Cloth, with a halo of white flowers.

A group taken at the Orthopædic Hospital, Merrion street, Dublin, another of the institutions where members of the Rotary Club distributed toys.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" was performed by the Students of the Mount St. Joseph College, Roscrea, a few nights ago in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

An Exhibition of Christmas Cakes, made by the Pupils, was held at the Bray Technical School yesterday afternoon.

SLIGO FARMER'S DEATH.

A verdict that death was due to shock from wounds on the face and forehead caused by some person or persons unknown, being accelerated by the diseased condition of the heart and kidneys, was returned at the resumed inquest at Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, yesterday, on John Kennedy (74), farmer, of Tullycusheen, near Tubbercurry, whose dead body was found in a field near his home on Monday of last week.

The dead man's wife, Ellen Kennedy; his two sons, John and James; and his sister-in-law, Bridget Cryan, are in custody on a charge of wilful murder and conspiracy to murder.

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EIGHT INJURED IN MINE ACCIDENT.

CAGE COLLAPSES.

Eight men are in Leeds Infirmary suffering from injuries received in a cage accident yesterday morning at the Yorkshire Coal and Iron Company's pit at West Ardsley. The injured include seven foremen, who are always in the last lot to go up at the end of the shift, and one by-worker, who had been late in getting his cage. The cage fell when it had risen about twenty or thirty feet.

First aid was rendered at the pit bottom by fellow-miners, and all the injured bore the journey to Leeds bravely, although, owing to the severe frost, the going was very difficult.

The cause of the accident is at present unexplained, but had the cage been much further up the shaft the results would have been tragic.

McGUIRE'S COLLEGE.

Full work will be resumed after Christmas Vacation on Thursday, 30th Dec. Particulars on application to the Secretary, 5 Gardiner's row, Dublin.—(Advt.)

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN. MICHAELMAS TERM, 1926.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Lloyd Exhibition—Temple, Mortimer.
Townsend Memorial Prize—Binns, Alfred Reginald.
Charles Wilkins Memorial Prize—Gillespie, Sophie Elizabeth Stritch.
Mullins' Classical Exhibition—Johnston, Eric Holmes.
William Roberts Prize—Gurd, Gladys Elizabeth.
Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart Scholarship in Ethical Literature—Ashworth, Vida Geraldine.
Litchfield Prize—Corscadden, Henry Sadleir.
Dunbar Ingram Memorial Prize—Curnish, William Herbert.
Club Memorial Prize—Lowry, George Trevor.
Haslett Memorial Scholarship—Barbet, Alfred Ernest.
Jellett Prizes for General Answering—Counahan, Gerald Michael Mary Gabriel and Pilkington, Ethel Frances.
The King Edward Prize—Hundy, Maurice Arthur.
Messenger Prize—Byrne, Niall Colman.
Geology Prize—Jackson, Guy Donald.
Clite-Oldham Memorial Prize—Ashworth, Vida Geraldine.
Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship—Walton, Ernest Thomas Sinton.
Kingsmill Jones Memorial Prize—Dockeray, Gerald Cecil.
Ingley Studentship—Moore, Samuel Hollingsworth.

LAW SCHOOL.

Constitutional and Criminal Law Term Examination.—Smith, Gordon, L.; Bryson, Donough; Counahan, Desmond J.; O'Donnell, D. F.; (Galvin, Thomas E. (K.I.) and Kiely, Patrick J.); (Carscadden, Henry S. and Gill, L. (S.A.)); Teggart, Denis O.C.; Walker, Herbert J.; (Warren, F. (S.A.) and Barret, A. (S.A.)); Downing, H. J. (S.A.); Maguire, James L. and (Leahy, W. Noel (S.A.)); Hamill, William J.; Macnamara, Noel (S.A.); Hamill, William J.; McMahon, Bryan; Kelly, John O'R.; (Halpenny, Patrick C.; Cunniffe, P. (K.I.) and MacCarthy, M. P. (S.A.)); Coolican, James G. A.; (Harrison, Reginald A. and Macauley, R. H. (K.I.)); Dugan, William J.; (Carter, William S. J. and Dobbyn, George L.); Doyle, Peter V.; (Griffin, Patrick; Simms, Henry J.; Walker, Aubrey R. and Winder, C. M. (S.A.)).

Jurisprudence Class.—Term Examination—Counahan, Desmond B. J.; Dudley, John M.; Montgomery, Edward J.; Brannigan, Patrick F.; Vanston, Cecil G.; (Corscadden, Henry S. and Simms, Henry J.); Scally, Francis X.; Fitz-Edward, H.

Intermediate Examination in Law.—Second Class.—Montgomery, Edward Joseph; Youngs, Baldwin Mehmed; Orr, Lionel Alexander William; Mofso, Lionel; Unclassed—Carter, John Dermot; Dudley, John Marshall; Halpenny, Patrick Clement; Leonard, Basil Andrew Hamilton; Vanston, Cecil George; Vanston, Dermot.

"K.I." after candidates' names denotes King's Inns student; "S.A." denotes Solicitor's Apprentice.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS RARTY.

A most successful children's fancy dress party was given by Miss Kathleen Manders for her pupils in St. Stephen's Hall, Northumberland road, Dublin, on last Monday afternoon. There was a wonderful variety of beautiful costumes. Prizes for the prettiest and most original costumes, given by Mrs. Darley, of Fernay, Stillorgan, were won by Miss Mary Darley, as a pink ballet; Miss Peggy Knight, as "The Mustard Club"; Miss Denise Moser, as "Music," and Miss Victoria Tait, as a White Cat.

Some exhibition dances were very much appreciated. Miss Marjorie Miller, in a valse, being particularly graceful. Miss Dorothy and Master Jimmy Fleming's "Folly Dance" was exceptionally clever, while the Irish Jig by Miss Cicely Peel and Miss Helen Maxwell, and a Mazurka by Miss Patricia Dixon were also very well expressed. Miss Manders was presented with handsome bouquets by her pupils.

In the British Empire to-day only one person out of every thirty-five is white.—Mr. Arnold Williams.

You can help to ensure a Happy Christmas and a fresh start in the New Year for the disabled, the unemployed and the distressed ex-Service men—

if

1 you send a donation—a cheque or a few shillings spared from your Christmas shopping — to Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund

2 you join the Great War Remembrance League particulars of which will be sent on request.

3 you send some discarded clothing —men's, women's or children's— for the use of some ex-Service man, his dependents, widow or orphans

These four cases are typical of thousands

A. An ex-Service man with wife and eight children (and another expected) were found in the depth of winter living in a bell tent in a corner of a field. A cottage was found for the family and work for the man.

B. An ex-Service man suffering from paralysis, with wife and two children, living in London without means. Relief given and money furnished to set the wife up in business.

C. From an Officer's widow: "I should like to thank you for your letter, and also the assistance you gave me at a time when it was really needed. I am sure you will be interested to learn that our business is progressing splendidly. We now employ twenty-six workmen, sometimes more, all ex-Service men . . . "

D. An ex-Service man established as Horse Cartage Contractor in the outskirts of London, where a large demand exists for light and short-distance carriage, was handicapped by having to hire horses in order to keep pace with the requirements of his business. A loan was made for the purchase of heavy horses and harness and carts. At present the man employs seven to ten ex-Service men as carmen and stable hands, and will be enabled to employ at least an additional four men, with prospects of an early increase.

The "carrying on" of this work is practically dependent on receipts from Remembrance (Poppy) Day, and though the response is magnificent and generous, it is not enough to meet existing needs. That is why we are compelled now to issue a Christmas appeal.

Remember Earl Haig's Fund on your Christmas Presents list. Use the Coupon below.

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MISSING STUDENT.

POLICE FAIL TO TRACE HIM.

The efforts made by the Edinburgh police to trace Robert John Gatiney, the 19-year-old student, who has been missing for a week, have been unsuccessful. Another disappearance was reported to the authorities—a 17-year-old girl having left her home in Colinton. She retired to bed on last Monday night, and on Tuesday morning her room was empty. An attache case with clothing was

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I am a melancholy survival of the newspaper proprietor, the only one of my class in ... so far as I know.—Lord Burnham.

DEATH OF MICHAEL DAWSON.

POPULAR IRISH TRAINER.

HEADED WINNING LIST TEN TIMES.

"HAT TRICK" AS JOCKEY IN IRISH DERBY.

The death of Michael Dawson, the celebrated Curragh trainer, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his residence, Rathbride Manor, will be learned with profound regret throughout the country. Following a chill contracted just a month ago at Manchester, where he had taken some horses to run, pneumonia developed, and to that dread malady he has succumbed. Apart from his great ability in the management and training of horses, he was a most likeable personality, and one who enjoyed in a marked degree the esteem of all sections of the racing community and many outside it.

Born in the town of Kildare some sixty years ago M. Dawson was virtually all his life associated with racehorses, and, first as a jockey, and later as a public trainer, had a wonderfully successful career, as will be understood when it is mentioned that during the last twenty-one years he has headed the list of winning trainers in Ireland no less than ten times, and in that period turned out the winners of 1,216 races, value for £164,017. This is a splendid aggregate for a country like Ireland, where the scope for amassing large totals is so circumscribed.

A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

He served his apprenticeship to the late John Connolly at Melitta Lodge, which is only a short distance "on the other side of the railway" from Rathbride Manor, of which establishment he eventually became the owner, and, by the achievements of the many notable winners which he sent out from it, made it famous. Showing exceptional aptitude in the saddle from the outset he quickly came to the front, and, on becoming associated with the late Mr. Rice Meredith, who controlled a powerful stable at Curragh View, he was soon at the top of the tree. Indeed, in two-year-old races particularly he was considered to have no superior amongst his contemporaries. When Mr. Meredith moved into Rathbride Manor, Dawson accompanied him, and they continued to make Turf history, many notable triumphs falling to the stable, in which Dawson played a prominent part.

About this time he rode numerous winners for the then chief patron of the stable, Mr. William Dunne, and the late Mr. M. A. Maher. For the last-named gentleman he carried off the Irish Derby of 1891 and 1893 with Kentish Fire and Bowline respectively, whilst in the intervening season he won the same race on Roy Neil, the feat of winning the Irish Blue Riband three years in succession being performances never accomplished by a jockey before or since.

TRAINING SUCCESSES.

On the retirement in 1893 of Mr. Meredith, Dawson took up the lease of Rathbride Manor, which was then, as now, one of the largest and best appointed training stables in the country. Its new tenant at once demonstrated that the mantle of his former master had fallen on worthy shoulders. Mr. Maher and Mr. Dunne naturally remained loyal to the man who had rendered them such service in the saddle, and from the first he never lacked plenty of patronage, which his success in his new *rôle* fully justified.

EARLY EMPLOYERS.

Amongst others of his early employers were Mr. James Daly, of Liffey Bank; Mr. Joseph Lowry and Mr. J. C. Sullivan, whose then champion, Winkfield's Pride, was broken and trained for his two-year-old engagements by Dawson before being sent to W. T. Robinson at Foxhill, for which stable the son of Wingfield earned such fame. About that time Rathbride Manor also sheltered such useful horses as Sweet Auburn, Kilberry, Mount Prospect, Filassier, Guppy, Neavnach, that rare stayer, The Falloch, Cecil Winkfield, Sunburst, Zephie, Aline and Hornet (dam of Hornet's Beauty, Hornet's Treasure, etc.).

THE "BACHELOR" TRIBE.

Later on the place came into, perhaps, still greater prominence by the achievements of Bachelor's Button, Bachelor's Double, Bachelor's Hope, and Bachelor's Wedding, and the various other members of the "Bachelor" tribe bred by the late Mr. Joseph Lowry, who was a staunch supporter of Dawson, and who amassed a large fortune from the racing and selling of his horses. Those great sprinters, Hornet's Beauty and Great Surprise, also were trained by Dawson for their races in Ireland, and both fetched big money afterwards.

ST. BRENDAN AND OTHERS.

For Mr. James Daly he also did yeoman service with St. Brendan, Meldhre, Mellifont, Ayn Hali and Righ Mor, to mention but a few, and in the season of 1913 he was instrumental in placing that gentleman, not for the first time, at the head of the list of winning owners in Ireland. Amongst his numerous other patrons were Lord Kenmare, Mr. Albert Lowry, Mr. J. H. Taylor, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. T. K. Laidlaw, Mr. R. Bull, Mr. Carew, Mr. G. H. Dennehy, Captain Maher, Captain J. Murray, Mr. E. More O'Ferrall, Mr. T. Leonard, Lady Eva Forbes, Major Dixon, Sir Thomas Dixon, Mr. Arthur McCann, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. F. Burke, Mr. H. Beasley, Mr. J. A. Coen, Mrs. Crofts, Mrs. M. Darcy, Mr. E. J. Keiran, Mr C. T. Lewis, Mrs. Morton Jackson, Mr J. Nugent, Mr. W. O'Driscoll, Mr. T. O'K. White, Major Parr, Mr. J. Read.

A WONDERFUL RECORD.

Statistics are, as a rule, dry reading, but in view of the remarkable position the Rathbride Manor stable has held for the past 21 years, one may be justified in giving Dawson's unique record for that period, which reads as follows:—

Year.	Winning Horses.	No. of Races Won.	Value. £
1906	37	65	9,171
1907	32	61	9,221
1908	32	62	11,208
1909	34	61	10,030
1910	35	52	6,748
1911	30	43	6,649
1912	38	62	8,616
1913	37	55	8,970
1914	34	60	7,338
1915	37	51	8,500
1916	17	29	3,684
1917	24	36	4,011
1918	31	55	6,582
1919	28	50	6,800
1920	28	48	5,013
1921	35	55	9,056
1922	39	56	8,626
1923	49	87	10,140
1924	48	92	10,002
1925	39	74	7,429
1926	44	74	6,627

A firm believer in the doctrine of giving youngsters plenty of time to mature, he never hurried the two-year-olds, and it was usually well on in the season before he began to score. But once the winning vein was struck he was always hard to beat, and in the matter of carrying off the richest prizes to be won on the Irish Turf, his good fortune was remarkable.

The funeral takes place to-morrow at 2 o'clock, to Milltown, Kildare.

BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN v. REECE.

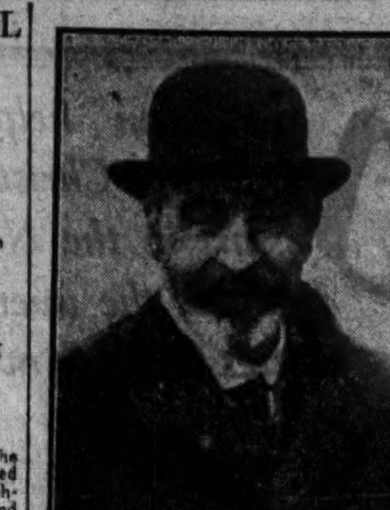
In a protracted afternoon session yesterday Newman heavily outpointed Reece, to whom he concedes 7,000 points, in their 16,500 game at Thurston's, London. The champion's total was 1,047, while Reece scored only 363. Reece had only two breaks of note, 48 at the beginning of the session and 195 at the conclusion of play. Newman, whose average was 104, compiled breaks of 95, 48, 69, 280, 395, and 139. Interval—Reece (rec. 7,000) (in play), 13,501; Newman, 12,293.

Reece did much better in the evening session, but yet again he was outpointed by Newman, who aggregated 694 against 519. Reece failed to add to his unfinished 195, but, after a lean time, he finished the session in splendid manner with an unfinished break of 373. Earlier he had had a break of 81. The champion's chief innings were 157, 417, 55, and 61. Newman's big break included runs of 35, 26, and 47 close cannons. Closing scores—Reece (receives 7,000), in play, 14,020; Newman, 13,289.

SMITH v. EARLAM.

In spite of the fact that Earlam's start had been increased to 12,000 in his 20,000 game with Smith, at Edinburgh, the ex-amateur led by only 1,829 points at the end of yesterday afternoon's session. Smith played steadily, but not with his usual brilliance, his principal break of the session being 241 unfinished. At the start he converted his overnight unfinished item into 84. Earlam contributed 94 and 70. Interval scores:—Earlam (receives 12,000), 16,056; Smith (in play), 14,167.

Smith continued to make headway at night, when he produced his best form, finishing the day's play 1,384 behind. He took his unfinished break to 313, and followed with capital innings of 234 and 449 (unfinished). Earlam in the meantime was marking up 245 and 81. Closing scores—while marking ...



Mr. Michael Dawson, the well-known Irish Trainer, whose death occurred yesterday.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

WINTRY RACING.

GOOD PERFORMANCE BY RATHCOOLE.

LACKEY LANDS THE ODDS.

BOURNEMOUTH, Wednesday Night.

Bournemouth, the only fixture under rules this week, was favoured with fine weather, but the wind was very keen and made the braziers in the grounds very welcome. The going was quite good, and fair fields turned out for moderate prizes, and although the crowd did not look a big one in the large enclosures, it was very much in excess of that of last year, which shows what the meeting can do when unopposed. Lackey, with odds laid on him, beat his six opponents in the Poole Selling Hurdle quite easily, although the official margin was only three lengths. He was always pulling double, and left his co-pacemaker, Rocking Horse, standing still when the pressure was turned on at the last hurdle.

In a weak and very sensitive market Eagle's Corrie was a somewhat wobbling favourite for the Winton Three-Year-Old Selling Hurdle, but, whatever may have been the cause of the changes in the market, he ran his race out in irreproachable style, and always had the beating of the seven up against him. R. Lyall never moved on the horse except to keep him straight, whereas the jockeys on Little Berk, Grand Trianon and Bognor were hard at work a long way from home.

Mr. A. Broad rode a very nice race to win the Moderate Handicap Steeplechase on the lightly-weighted 10 to 1 chance, Royal Wilts. After making all the running up to the turn for home, Royal Wilts was tackled by both Governor and The Snipe IV. on opposite sides. He soon settled them, however, and had a capital reserve left to hold off another double challenge close home from Camperdown and East Africa. There were indications that the horse had been quietly backed by the hunting friends of the owner, who trains the horse himself.

Rathcoole had won so well at Lingfield recently that it came somewhat as a surprise to find Leader's horse fielded against in some parts of the Ring, and 7 to 4 and 6 to 4 freely offered against what, even with a big weight, looked a good thing. His backers had a bit of a fright when, with the pacemaking Browley falling at the last fence but one, Roman Road and Animated drew away from him; but Ted Leader sat down to ride one of his most resolute finishes, and so generously and quickly did Rathcoole respond that he had turned an adverse balance into a profit in a very few strides—a good performance by both horse and rider.

Borealis, the Nottingham winner, fell from grace when he failed to do better than finish a very indifferent third to Lucky Toy and Some Toff in the Three-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle. Mr. Speaker, Les Cloches and Poligar fell, and Lucky Toy was in front as the field passed the stands the first time, and, indeed, never looked like being caught afterwards. Michael Beary was the pilot, this being his first successful essay "over the sticks" this season. K. Piggott was badly shaken by Poligar's fall, sustaining slight concussion. The Dorset Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase was a chapter of accidents. Fairy Hill II. fell early on, Some Day ran out, and old Taffytus, when going well in the lead six furlongs from home, refused. Old horses will suddenly take to doing this. The net result was that Templebar was left so far in front that the rest of those who stood up hardly saw the way he went.

FORM HORSES.

BOURNEMOUTH.

1. 0—Turning Point.
1.30—Glen Falloch.
2. 0—Mr. Bumble (nap).
2.30—Sound Asleep.
3. 0—Lady Capulet.
3.30—St. Bernard.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express:—Safety bet—White Flag. Double—White Flag and Rolie.

Daily Mirror:—Double—Palatial and Glen Falloch (nap).

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Donegal. Double—Donegal and Rolie.

Daily Sketch:—Double—Glen Falloch and Rolie.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1926

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th and 28th.

FIRST RACE EACH DAY 1.15 p.m.

A train, with reserved carriages for members, leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.35 p.m. each day, returning from Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day, after racing is over.

Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a member, tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure (Gentlemen 2 gns., Lady 5/6), can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the course, and at the Ticket Box at the top of the Motor Enclosure, where tickets for the Grand Stand can also be purchased.

Combined tickets for Course and Enclosure (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Office at Harcourt street Station, on the days of racing.

No tripods, banners, betting lists, or umbrellas, will be allowed in any of the enclosures. Extreme measures will be taken to prevent betting outside the Stand Enclosures.

REDUCED RAIL FARES.

Return Fares from Harcourt street to Course, First Class, 1/8; Third Class, 1/-. —(Advt.)

GOLF.

BUNDORAN.—At the annual general meeting a resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Gorman was passed. His loss was deeply regretted by the club, of which he was vice-president and one of the oldest members. The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. R. F. Flood; vice-president, H. E. Martin; captain, A. H. Lloyd; hon. secretary, Eoin O'Kelly; hon. treasurer, H. E. Martin. A hearty vote of thanks for his work in the past was given to the retiring secretary, Mr. McVitty. In order to encourage the ladies it was decided to form a ladies' branch and have it duly affiliated, and two new open competitions for ladies will be added to the fixture list for 1927. It is hoped to revive a few of the mixed foursome competitions, which were once very popular, and with the increased ladies' membership this should be possible during the coming season. The statement submitted by the treasurer showed the club to be in a very strong financial position, and the general prospects for the coming year appear to be excellent.

SKERRIES.—Bank Holiday, 27th December, silver spoon competition, 18 holes (strokes).

FOXROCK.—Monday, December 27th, four-ball foursomes, bogey; Tuesday, December 28th, mixed foursomes, bogey. Arrange partners and opponents.

GREYSTONES.—December 27th, Bank Holiday, four-ball foursomes (bogey), open to visitors under Rule 25. Sweepstakes.

FOXROCK.—Monday, 27th, fourball (bogey); Tuesday, 28th, mixed foursomes (bogey). Arrange partners and opponents.

GOLFERS will find much to interest them in the article on Golf, which appears each Saturday in *The Irish Field*. On sale at all Newsagents.—(Advt.)

The Yugo-Slav Minister, M. Gavrilovitch, who contracted meningitis a few days ago, died yesterday morning. A few hours before his death (says Reuter) the Government conferred upon him the Grand Cross of the Order ...

RUGBY.

CHANGE ON IRISH XV.

F. S. HEWITT DECLARES OFF.

F. S. Hewitt, not having sufficiently recovered from the accident which has kept him out of the game for so long, has declared off the Irish team to meet France at Paris on New Year's Day. His place will be taken by M. Atkinson (North of Ireland), and J. H. Gage (Queen's University, Belfast) will travel as substitute.

M. ATKINSON.

M. Atkinson sprang into prominence for the first time this season. Playing all the season for North of Ireland, he has been under the eyes of the Northern selectors, who think highly of his play. He was picked as out-half for Ulster against Munster, and was not very noticeable, for the reason that in that match the Ulster forwards did not give their backs many chances. In the match against Leinster, when playing as centre three-quarter, he was a distinct success, and many good judges looked for his selection straight away. It will be in his favour that he partners his club mate, G. V. Stephenson. It is not likely that there will be any other change on the selected side.

MAORIS HOPEFUL OF BEATING FRANCE.

KEEN INTEREST IN COMING MATCH.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL.)

PARIS, Wednesday.

Sunday's match at Colombes will be the only strictly International match to be played by the Maoris in Europe, as hitherto they have been opposed by clubs or selected teams. On Sunday, however, they will meet a team representing all France, and it is no secret that they hope to win. A Maori victory is also anticipated by the French, who are bound to admit that since their arrival in Europe the visitors have added science and method to their other undoubted qualities. Nevertheless, on paper, the French team is a good one.

The pack, composed as it is mainly of old-timers, should pull well together. The three-quarter line has come in for some criticism, there being a general demand for Besson. The three-quarter, Velat, owing to a telephonic error, has been given as a member of the team, whereas he is, in fact, among the substitutes, the new International three-quarter being Vila, of Tarbes.

The match will be refereed by Mr. Jackson of the English Rugby Union. The Maoris have arrived in excellent form and health. Even the Christmas festivities in Paris should not prove too much for their customary abstemiousness, and the team that goes on the field on Sunday hopes to win the first International match of the French season.

The match will be of special interest to Ireland, in view of the encounter between France and Ireland on the same ground on the following Saturday.

GLASGOW ACADEMICALS V. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

MATCH ABANDONED OWING TO CONDITIONS.

The match between Glasgow Academicals and Cambridge University, which was arranged to take place at Glasgow yesterday afternoon, has been abandoned owing to the frost-bound state of the ground and fog.

CARLOW V. WANDERERS II.

The teams for this match at Carlow on Monday will be as follow:—

Carlow—J. G. Considine; Dr. Schofield, Ray McDonnell, J. N. T. McConkey, F. Jackson; J. Walsh, W. Fanning; C. Slocock, R. Hannigan, J. Clifford, B. Nolan, R. McDonald, G. Harbourne, G. O'Donnell, J. Pelly.

Wanderers 2nd—F. K. Patterson; J. Doran, T. C. Hammond, A. E. Dowds, J. Higginbotham; D. Barber, C. Hillyard; B. Coghlan, R. C. Ellis, P. Freer, R. R. Hartford, W. D. Isaac, H. Kier, C. H. Maldment, J. K. Reilly.

LOUGHREA DEFEAT BALLINASLOE

Loughrea, one of the latest of the Western towns to start a Rugby club, created a surprise by defeating Ballinasloe by 20 points to nil in a match played at Loughrea recently.

WANDERERS SCHOOLBOYS.—All those wishing to play for the above during the vacation, both over 16 and under, are requested to turn out for a trial match at Lansdowne road to-day at 3 p.m. sharp. The teams will be picked after the match.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—Notes on all Games and Comments on Current Events appear in *The Irish Field*, published every Saturday. Price 2d.—(Advt.)

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Monday, 27th	9-Mile Stone	1.30
Wednesday, 29th	Flathouse	1.30
Friday, 31st	Palmerstown	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Calverstown	11. 0
Friday, 24th	Courtown Gate	11. 0
Tuesday, 28th	Rathcoole	11. 0
Thursday, 30th	Ballyhook Gate	11. 0
January.		
Saturday, 1st	Enfield	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Aclare	11. 0
Friday, 24th	Kilbride	11. 0
Monday, 27th	Addinstown	11. 0
Tuesday, 28th	Cross Keys	11. 0
Thursday, 30th	Dunsany	11. 0
Friday, 31st	Bellinter	11. 0

CARLOW HOUNDS.—Meet—December—Tuesday, 28th, Hollymount. January—Saturday, 1st, Kellistown Cottage; Tuesday, 4th, Milford House; Saturday, 8th, Castletoe Cross Roads. At 11 o'clock.

BERMINGHAM HARRIERS.—Meet—December—Monday, 27th, Tuam. January—Tuesday, 4th, Bermingham; Friday, 7th, Castle Hackett School; Tuesday, 11th, Cortoon; Tuesday, 18th, Monument Park. At 1 o'clock.

DUHALLOW HOUNDS.—Meet—December—Monday, 27th, Mallow Club; Tuesday, 28th, Annesgrove; Thursday, 30th, Liscarroll. January—Saturday, 1st, Carrig; Monday, 3rd, Beenaskehy; Tuesday, 4th, Lisgriffin Cross; Thursday, 6th, Marshalstown Cross; Saturday, 8th, Hazlewood. At 10.45 a.m.

KILL HARRIERS.—December—Monday, 27th, Enfield, 12 o'clock (stag).

LOUTH HOUNDS.—The meet on Tuesday, December 28th, has been changed to Crawborne, instead of Hilltown.

NAAS HARRIERS.—Meet to-day at Redestown, not as announced in yesterday's papers.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Meet on Friday, 24th, at Greenhills, instead of Crumlin Village, at 2 p.m.; Monday, 27th, Saggart, at 12 o'clock, instead of 2 p.m.

HUNTING.—Reports from the various packs and a list of appointments appear each Saturday in *The Irish Field*. On sale at all Newsagents. Price 2d. By Post, 6/6 half-yearly. Head Office—11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

BOURNEMOUTH MEETING.

Three-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle Race—Huntersdale, Brocade.

Winton Selling Three-Year-Old Hurdle—India's Charm.

KEMPTON PARK MEETING.

Oatlands Handicap Steeplechase—Great Span.

Moderate Handicap Steeplechase—Drink-less.

WOLVERHAMPTON MEETING.

Bushbury Selling Hurdle—Goodford, The Admiral, Imperious.

Rackley Handicap Hurdle—Royal Bower.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

Chorlton Handicap Hurdle—Polymorphous, Royal Bower.

Castle Selling Handicap Hurdle—Phaeton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wilts Steeplechase, Newbury—Fortissimo.

Stayers' Handicap Hurdle, Lingfield Park—Dr. Barney.

All engagements in Lord Derby's name—Vallauris, Chandos.

All engagements in Mrs. Arthur James's name—Rejaf.

All engagements in Lord Wolverton's name—Winsome Kiss colt, 2 yrs.

BOURNEMOUTH:

The second and concluding stage of the Bournemouth fixture at Eastbury Park is framed on very similar lines to that of the first day, but, although the programme is on modest lines, some interesting racing is foreshadowed.

The main item is the Pembroke Hurdle Race over two miles, and Sound Asleep is due to carry top weight of 12st. 6lb. He is one of our most useful hurdlers, and on his Windsor defeat of Jehu and Swift Rowland, when he was carrying a 10lb. penalty, following on a three lengths victory from Bridge of Athlone and a big field at Newbury, he is bound to be supported, and he will probably start favourite. Donegal has some smart form over hurdles, and is well up to the weight he is set to carry, whilst Doran's Rocks has a fair chance of success on some of his form. Fleeting Friar was easily beaten by Top Light and Menassier at Newbury, but he had some useful performers behind him, and he should run forward. Twinkler beat Pagan Chief, January and others in a mile and a half "seller" early in the month, and more to my liking is White Flag, who put up a useful performance when finishing second to Pont Royal at Lingfield. Previously he had divided Royal Falcon and Pamperer at Newbury, with Big Ben, Gallant Lover and others behind, and, although the race is of an open character, I shall expect White Flag to prove too good for Sound Asleep and his other competitors.

Rolie was backed against Cyzara and Cyclax at Leicester, and he was only a short head behind the latter, with Cyzara two lengths in front of both. The form will, perhaps, prove good enough in the Moderate Handicap Hurdle Race, as the class of competitors is not of a very high standard. British Warm ran well behind Acceleration and Ballyrag at Kempton Park, and Icarus was by no means disgraced when second to Simon's Light at Derby. Lady Capulet has two smart wins to her credit, but, in the presumed absence of Sound Asleep, Rolie should about win.

The Amateurs' Steeplechase will not attract many runners, and the issue should be fought out by Tuesday's winner, Templebar, and St. Bernard. The latter ran second to Gerald L. at Lingfield, but as Templebar is so fit and well I shall rely upon him to prove successful.

The Boscombe Selling Handicap Hurdle will attract a big field. Lord Ben is not expected to compete, and I shall turn to True Knight and Mr. Bumble. The former fell in his last outing, when starting favourite, but his previous form, two successive seconds, reads very fairly, and he should account for Mr. Bumble, who was beaten ten lengths by Repaid.

The Novices' Steeplechase should be within the scope of Glen Falloch, who has won her last three races easily enough, whilst in the field for the Avon Steeplechase Honest Boy appears to have the best credentials. Selections:—

Avon Steeplechase—Honest Boy.
Novices' Steeplechase—Glen Falloch.*
Boscombe Hurdle—True Knight.
Pembroke Hurdle—White Flag.
Moderate Hurdle—Rolie.
Amateurs' Steeplechase—Templebar.

DOUBLE—Glen Falloch and White Flag.

PROBABLE RUNNERS AND BETTING.

1.0—AVON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
REDSHANK (Mr. M. Evans). E. Piggott a 12 7
TURNING POINT (Col. S. S. Hill-Dillon) ....Woodland a 12 3
BEYROB (Mr. A. J. Phillips) ....Powell a 11 13
GLENAPP (Mr. G. Reed) ....R. Payne 6 11 11
PALATIAL (Mr. R. J. Read) ....Owner a 11 7
HONEST BOY (Mr. H. Hesford) A. Law a 11 4
BROKEN WAND (Miss M. M. Bullow) Whitelaw a 11 3
THE STAR (Mr. C. J. Stanley) Owner a 11 3
CARROTS (Mr. A. H. O. Riddell) Rayson 4 11 0
RED PEPPER II. (Mr. F. W. Parnell) R. Payne a 10 9

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
120	TURNING POINT...Col. H. Dillon	4/1
313	BEYROB ....Mr. Broad	7/1
001	HONEST BOY ....Parvin	4/5
004	BROKEN WAND ....L. Rees	2/1
300	THE STAR ....Chisman	7/1

1.30—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
FAIRY PRIESTESS (Capt. H. P. Holt) Thompson a 12 2
LONGHAUL (Major J. Walker) Whitaker 6 12 2
PORPHYRION (Mrs. G. Fosdick) A. Law 5 11 12
SAUNTER (Mr. C. A. Ringwood) Owner 5 11 12
DRINK-LESS (Mr. H. A. Brown) Owner a 11 9
CHIM (Mr. W. C. Cadman) ....Private 6 11 9
LISSETT III. (Ld. Grimthorpe) Bazley a 11 9
BALLYHAFT (Mrs. Allan Havelock-Allan) Allan a 11 9
PRIDE OF THE MORNING (Mr. E. O. Kellett) ....Alexander 6 11 9
TINKERMAN (Lt.-Col. A. C. Little) Laye a 11 9
BLACKBEEN (Mr. W. Soane) Philip, jun. 6 11 9
ANIMATED (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 6 11 9
RAMPANT (Col. W. S. Anthony) Hastings 5 11 9
PHILINNA (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) R. Johnson 5 11 5
TUSKAR (Mr. H. R. Lawrence) McMullen 5 11 5
CRAIGWATCH (Mr. E. Dorse) .....Private 5 11 5
SKYWAVE (Mr. W. Philip) Philip, jun. 5 11 5
CAPPAWHITE (Mr. H. T. Rich) Cundell 5 11 5
ELMS STAR (Mr. M. Schwartz) H. Leader 5 11 5
GLEN FALLOCH (Mr. C. R. Burkill) T. Leader 4 10 10
BETYAR (Mr. J. David) ....J. Scott 4 10 10
BLUE SPARK (Mr. W. P. Doyle) Hall 4 10 10
NOBLE LAD (Ld. Henry Nevill) Whitaker 4 10 10
KATE BARLASS (Capt. C. Noel Newton) R. Gordon 4 10 10
ALLITERATION (Mr. W. Read) Anthony 4 10 10
MALTOI (Miss H. Rodocanachi) Powell 4 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
001	FAIRY PRIESTESS ....S. Gorst	6/1
210	LONGHAUL ....Mr. S. Dennis	11/4
000	PRIDE OF THE MORNING Bisgood	20/1
000	ELMS STAR ....McDonald	10/1
0	TUSKAR ....Capt. McMullen	100/8
00	SKYWAVE ....Robson	100/8
111	GLEN FALLOCH ....T. Leader	11/10
000	BLUE SPARK ....Mr. West	10/1
004	ALLITERATION ....L. Rees	5/1
201	MALTOI ....Parvin	8/1

2.0—BOSCOMBE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
VICTOR (Mr C. B. Day-Harris) Butchers a 12 7
SANS DOUTE (Mr. E. Piggott) Owner a 12 5
RAME TOR (Mr. C. B. Day-Harris) Butchers 4 12 5
TRUE KNIGHT (Mrs. C. Jones) Rimell a 12 4
MR. BUMBLE (Mr. F. W. Wilmot) Poole 4 12 1
ILDERTON (Maj. F. A. S. Moore) E. Doyle a 12 0
SHAKESPEARE (Mr. J. M. Clayton) Woodland 4 12 0
MORTARBOARD (Mrs. F. C. Smith) J. Lyall 4 11 13
BATTLE ARRAY (Mr. J. Moseby) Chamberlain 4 11 11
LORD BEN (Mr. J. Mayell) G. Bennett 4 11 11
FREDDIE B. (Mr. F. Parkin) Woodman a 11 9
LIGAN (Capt. J. B. Powell) ......Owner a 11 7
JANIRA (Mr. E. Martin) ....Owner 4 11 7
THORNY QUESTION (Mrs. M. Elwes) R. Thompson 4 11 7
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. J. H. Gray) Private a 11 4
KOOREN (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) Powell 4 11 4
IONOTA (Mr. F. E. S. Groves) ....Owner 6 11 1
13th HUSSAR (Mr. J. H. Gray) Private 6 10 12

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
110	RAME TOR ....L. Butchers	5/1
220	TRUE KNIGHT ....Cheshire	3/1
203	MR. BUMBLE ....L. Rees	6/4
020	ILDERTON ....Doyle	7/1
000	MORTARBOARD ....R. Lyall	8/1
000	BATTLE ARRAY ....G. Goswell	10/1
000	FREDDIE B. ....Speck	10/1
000	LIGAN ....Parvin	8/1
403	GRAYSTOWN ....Bebbington	10/1

2.30—PEMBROKE HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second receives 15 sovs. and third 10 sovs. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
SOUND ASLEEP (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 4 12 6
DONEGAL (Mr. R. H. Gresson) Rimell 4 12 0
MINIVER (Mr. R. de Reuter) ....Hall 6 12 0
THE MONK (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 11 10
DORAN'S ROCKS (Mr. T. R. Mitchell) Owner 4 11 10
CURRAHACLE (Mr. L. M. Bowerman) Poole 6 11 9
GRAND JOY (Lord Glanely)...G. Bennett 5 11 9
IRON MASK (Mrs. Digby Whitehead) Leach, jun. 4 11 5
TOOTENHILL (Mr. G. Whitelaw) Owner 4 11 5
BLUE ANCHOR (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 11 5
THE MAHDI (Mr. David Faber) Hall 4 11 5
FLEETING FRIAR (Mr. E. H. Gregory) Rayson 4 11 5
MOUNT IDOL (Mrs. P. Harding) Cundell 4 11 5
MAKE AND BREAK (Mr. F. W. Hoole) T. Leader 4 11 5
COBBLER (Mr. H. Kershaw)...Anthony 4 11 5
CLASH MORGAN (Mr. H. Leader) Owner 4 11 5
TWINKLER (Miss S. Watson)...Larkin 3 10 12
EXPERT (Mrs. J. C. Russell) T. Leader 3 10 5
WHITE FLAG (Mr. Stewart) Alexander 3 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
011	SOUND ASLEEP ....Parvin	5/4
211	DONEGAL ....Cheshire	7/2
204	DORANS ROCKS ....Croney	7/1
00	TOOTENHILL ....Bisgood	10/1
	CLASH MORGAN ....McDonald	10/1
3	FLEETING FRIAR ....Rayson	6/1
0	MOUNT IDOL ....J. Waugh	10/1
00	COBBLER ....L. Rees	10/1
331	TWINKLER ....A. Smyth	9/2
032	WHITE FLAG ....Speck	5/1

3.0—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
SOUND ASLEEP (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 4 12 7
ROLIE (Mr. T. R. Rimell) ....Owner 5 12 2
BRITISH WARM (Mr. A. Edwards) Owner a 11 12
CHALTOI (Mr. E. Martin) ....Owner a 11 1
MAY BUSH (Ld. Stalbridge) Anthony 4 11 8
CHAIN HILL (Mr. C. Richens)...East 5 11 8
SWIFT ROWLAND (Mrs. Chester Beatty) T. Leader 5 11 7
BLUE ANCHOR (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 11 7
LADY CAPULET (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Cundell 4 11 5
PEARLMAN (Mr. E. R. Thompson) R. Thompson 5 11 4
STEFANOVITCH (Mr. E. T. O'Sullivan) Owner 4 11 3
ICARUS (Mrs. A. Mitchell)...R. Mitchell 6 11 3
MORNING SUN (Capt. J. E. H. Orr) G. Bennett 5 11 3
CLAN ROBERT (Col. S. Green) Hastings 4 11 2
PRINCE JEROME (Mr. R. W. Tilley) T. Leader 5 11 2
LUCIDOR (Mr. H. Savill) ....Owner 4 11 0
MINIVER (Mr. R. de Reuter) ....Hall 6 10 13
THE MONK (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell 4 10 12
CLAROBIE (Sir E. Willis)...De Winton 5 10 12
DRINK-LESS (Mr. H. A. Brown) Owner a 10 11
JUNGLE FIRE (Mr. T. W. Bennett) Owner 6 10 10
QUADRANGLE (Mr. H. G. Blagrave) Faulkner 4 10 9
ELSPETH (Mr. T. A. Edge) ....Poole 4 10 9
BACCALAUREAT (Mr. T. J. Morris) East 4 10 3
13th HUSSAR (Mr. J. H. Gray) Private 6 10 3
ST. PIERRE (Mr. R. C. Kidd) Woodman 4 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
113	ROLIE ....Cheshire	2/1
003	BRITISH WARM ....F. Gurney	10/1
204	MAY BUSH ....Mr. Grosvenor	10/1
001	LADY CAPULET ....J. Waugh	7/2
412	PEARLMAN ....Stott	7/1
012	ICARUS ....Croney	8/1
300	PRINCE JEROME ....T. Leader	5/1
200	LUCIDOR ....Burford	10/1
031	CLAROBIE ....Parvin	6/1
103	ST. PIERRE ....Mr. Kidd	7/1

3.30—AMATEURS' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 3 m.

Age. st. lb.
GHENT OF OLD (Maj. T. H. Sebag-Montefiore) ....Woodland a 12 3
ROYAL WILTS (Mr. Dufosee) ....Private a 11 12
HIS LUCK (Mrs. E. Kellett) ....Pease a 11 12
DRINMOND (Capt. J. E. H. Orr) G. Bennett a 11 12
ST. BERNARD (Mrs. N. Brownlee) Butchers a 11 7
BENJAMIN CHERRY (Col. S. S. Hill-Dillon) ....Woodland 6 11 7
HUGH O'NEILL (Mr. A. Law)...Owner a 11 7
MULLAGHMAST (Mr. Martin Lindsay) C. Chapman a 11 7
TEMPLEBAR (Mr. R. McAlpine) Poole a 11 7
MAINSAIL (Mr. G. Sandford Poole) C. Chapman a 11 7
GOLDEN FLEECE (Mr. J. Preston-Jones) ....Owner a 11 7
JACK HORNER (Mr. C. Schwartz) H. Leader a 11 7
TAGUEL (Capt. R. E. Sassoon) Martin a 11 3

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
001	TEMPLEBAR ....Mr. Ridley	5/2
011	ROYAL WILTS ....Mr. Broad	9/2
002	ST. BERNARD ....Mr. G. Evans	4/5
040	MULLAGHMAST ....Mr. S. Poole	7/1
230	GOLDEN FLEECE ....Mr. Stewart	7/1

FAIR FIELDS AT BOURNEMOUTH.

ROYAL WILTS WINS AT 10 TO 1.

1.0—POOLE SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. G. A. Butchers's br. or bl. h. LACKEY, by Fariman or Great Surprise—Obsequious, 5, 12-2 ....L. Butchers 1
Sir E. Wills's ROCKING HORSE, 5, 12-2 W. Parvin 2
Mr. A. J. Phillips's BEYROB, a, 11-11 Mr. A. Broad 3

Also ran:—Limber Dancer (H. Graves), West Green (L. Rees), Scabbard (H. East), Mill Hill (H. Jepson). Off 1.3. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—5 to 4 on LACKEY, 4 to 1 agst. Limber Dancer, 6 to 1 each Rocking Horse and Beyrob, 12 to 1 West Green, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by eight lengths; six lengths. Limber Dancer was fourth and Scabbard last.

The winner was sold for 180 guineas.

1.30—WINTON THREE YEARS OLD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 1½ m.

Mrs. F. C. Smith's b. g. EAGLE'S CORRIE, by Bramble Twig—Eagle's Cage, 12-0 R. Lyall 1
Mr. A. Boutall, jun.'s LITTLE BERK, 11-11 G. Goswell 2
Mr. G. C. Lees Milne's BOGNOR, 11-7 W. Parvin 3

Also ran:—Star Saint (H. Graves), Thorganton (M. Rayson), Justinian (R. Fletcher), Grand Trianon (C. Rhodes), Fair Mona (F. Williams). Off 1.35. (Winner trained by R. Lyall.)

Betting.—11 to 10 agst. EAGLE'S CORRIE, 4 to 1 Grand Trianon, 5 to 1 Bognor, 6 to 1 Little Berk, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by six lengths; a length. Grand Trianon was fourth and Fair Mona last.

The winner was bought in for 160 guineas.

2.0—MODERATE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. H. W. Dufosee's br. g. ROYAL WILTS, by Sunbright—Rue Time, a, 10-0 (car. 10-3) ....Mr. A. Broad 1
Mr. P. Woodland's CAMPERDOWN, a, 10-0 F. Gurney 2
Mr. G. C. Lees Milne's EAST AFRICA, 4, 11-11 W. Parvin 3

Also ran—Governor (Mr. W. West), Blue Bag (F. Brookes), The Snipe IV. (R. Read), Carbineer (Mr. W. Wright). Off 2.5. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—5 to 4 agst. East Africa, 2 to 1 Governor, 5 to 1 Camperdown, 6 to 1 Blue Bag, 10 to 1 ROYAL WILTS, or any other.

Won by one length; a neck. Governor was fourth and The Snipe IV. last.

2.30—BOURNEMOUTH STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

Mrs. Chester Beatty's ch. g. RATHCOOLE, by Rathurde—Barbera, a, 12-7 ....T. Leader 1
Mr. R. Mealings's ROMAN ROAD, 5, 10-13 W. Speck 2
Sir E. Wills's ANIMATED, 6, 11-2 ....W. Parvin 3

Also ran—Jack o' Newbury (A. Robson), Browley (Mrs. S. Dennis), Dencombe (F. Brookes). Off 2.35. (Winner trained by T. Leader.)

Betting.—5 to 4 agst RATHCOOLE, 5 to 2 Bentley, 3 to 1 Roman Road, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by half a length; two lengths. Jack o' Newbury was the only other to finish.

3.0—THREE-YEARS-OLD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 1½ m.

Mr. J. P. Chapman's br. f. LUCKY TOY, by Achtoi—Lucy, 10-2 ....M. Beary 1
Lord Allendale's SOME TOFF, 10-7, M. Rayson 2
Princess Wiasemsky's BOREALIS, 11-3 W. Parvin 3

Also ran—Disk (T. Leader), Starboard Helm (Mr. L. Dorse), Mr. Speaker (L. Rees), Glenholt (D. Williams), Galanthus (F. Gurney), Les Cloches (W. Busby), Takoradi (Squadron-Leader Ridley), Waldorf (H. Cheshire), King Friar (Mr. W. West), Poligar (K. Piggott). Off 3.1. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—9 to 4 agst. Borealis, 5 to 2 LUCKY TOY, 7 to 2 Glenholt, 6 to 1 Disk, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by twelve lengths; four lengths. Glenholt was fourth and Galanthus last.

3.30—DORSET AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. R. McAlpine's ch. g. TEMPLEBAR, by His Majesty—Merciless, a, 11-0 Squadron-Leader Ridley 1
Mr. S. Bennett's GOLDEN PEACE, a, 10-0 (car. 11-4) ....Mr. H. Fowler 2
Capt. R. M. Thompson's SOMEDAY, a, 10-6 (car. 10-8) ....Mr. Kennard 3

Also ran—Taffytus (Owner), Fairy Hill II. (Mr. Whitfield). Off 3.30. (Winner trained by Poole.)

Betting.—2 to 1 agst. Taffytus, 9 to 4 TEMPLEBAR, 3 to 1 Someday, 5 to 1 Fairy Hill II., 10 to 1 Golden Peace.

Won by thirty lengths; a bad third. Only the placed horses finished.

POWERSTOWN PARK RACES,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

(The Limerick Fixture having been abandoned owing to flood).

SIX RACES—FIRST RACE 1 p.m.

SPECIAL RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

From Kingsbridge at 9.30 (third class fare, 10/-).

Thurles 12 noon, arriving at Siding at 12.45, returning from Siding at 4.0 p.m.

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SELECTIONS FOR BOURNEMOUTH MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Honest Boy.	Glen Falloch.*	True Knight.	White Flag.	Rolie.	Templebar.
Do. Gallee Mord	—	Saunter.	—	—	Sound Asleep.	Ghent of Old.
S Life and Sportsman	Honest Boy.	Maltoi.	Mr. Bumble.	White Flag.	Rolie.	St. Bernard.*
Man on the Spot	Turning Point.	Glen Falloch.	True Knight.	White Flag.	Rolie.*	St. Bernard.
Westminster Gazette	Honest Boy.	Glen Falloch.	Mr. Bumble.	Donegal.	Rolie.	St. Bernard.
Daily Express	The Star.	Longhaul; if ab., Glen Falloch.	Mr. Bumble.	White Flag.	Rolie.	St. Bernard.
Daily Mirror	Palatial.	Glen Falloch.	Lord Ben.	Fleeting Friar.	British Warm.	St. Bernard.
Daily Sketch	Honest Boy.	Glen Falloch.*	Mr. Bumble.	Twinkler.	Rolie.	St. Bernard.
Star	Honest Boy.	Glen Falloch.	Mr. Bumble.	Fleeting Friar.	Prince Jerome.*	Drinmond.
Evening News	Honest Boy.*	Longhaul.	Mortarboard.	Fleeting Friar.	Rolie.*	Drinmond.
Evening Standard	Broken Wand.	Betyar.	Lord Ben.	The Mahdi.	St. Pierre.	Ghent of Old.
Times	Honest Boy.	Glen Falloch.	Mr. Bumble.	White Flag.	Rolie.	St. Bernard.

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Major Hezlet Beaten.

On the occasion of the recent Surrey open championship at Werplesdon and West Hill there was a tie for the prize for the leading amateur between W. L. Hope (London-Scottish), Major Charles Hezlet (the Irish open amateur champion), Major S. K. Thorburn (Wentworth), and C. Shankland (St. George's Hill).

The tie was played off yesterday on the courses mentioned, and Hope won with an aggregate of 157, Hezlet taking one more. Major Thorburn was 163. Shankland retired in the second round.

Squash Rackets Championship.

Captain J. E. Tomkinson won the amateur squash rackets championship at the Bath Club, London, yesterday, when he defeated the holder (Captain V. A. Cazalet, M.P.). Captain Tomkinson has for years been known as one of the most skilful exponents of the game, but hitherto he has been unlucky in the championship. His display yesterday, however, fully compensated him for any failures of the past, as he played brilliantly throughout and won decisively, the final scores being:—Captain J. E. Tomkinson beat Captain V. A. Cazalet (holder)—9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 3-6. The Prince of Wales presented the Cup to the winner.

Bath Club Withdraws.

The Bath Rugby Club's latest move in the Pitman case is to pass the following resolution, copies of which will be sent to the Somerset Rugby Union and Pitman:—"That the club reluctantly withdraws from the County Union, pending the Union's decision on the motion re Rule 18—*i.e.*, till the rule is deleted which prevents a man chosen for the county playing for his own club."

Rugby League Troubles.

The Rugby League Council at Manchester yesterday sat for over two hours in consideration of the circumstances which had arisen in respect of the New Zealanders' tour, and both the managers, Mr. E. H. Mair and Mr. G. H. Ponder, were present. At the close Mr. Osborne, the Chairman of the Council, announced the decision of the ruling authority in the following resolution:—"The Council confirms the action of the sub-committee with regard to the suspension of Mr. Mair until January 10th, and it supports the suspension of the players who have refused to play. It is prepared to continue the tour if Mr. Ponder is prepared to carry on as manager. Failing the acceptance of this resolution, the whole party must return on December 31st. After January 10th Mr. Mair can resume his duties as the manager if he so desires." Mr. Ponder announced his acceptance of the resolution without prejudice.

French Lawn Tennis, 1927.

Apparently the French Lawn Tennis year is going to be as full as ever. On Monday next a start will be made on the Riviera, Beau Site, Cannes, and from that on to May 24th, the date of the International Hard Court Championships at St. Cloud, tournament follows tournament in bewildering succession.

Among international fixtures are a match between France and Italy, probably in September, and France-Spain also in September, while negotiations are in progress for a French-Belgian match. In addition, the United States L.T.F. has expressed the hope that several French players will visit America to take part in the championships which open on February 15th, and possibly a strong U.S.A. team will enter at St. Cloud.

Death of Sir Daniel Gooch.

At the Southern Counties Coursing Club Meeting at Leighton Buzzard last evening it became known that Sir Daniel Gooch had died during the day. Sir Daniel was a keen coursing enthusiast and was a valued member of the Altcar Club. He owned a number of greyhounds during his twenty-five years association with the sport, perhaps the best of which was Glen Mast. Sir Daniel Gooch was a subscriber for the Waterloo Cup, and new nominations will now have to be secured. Had he lived, it was expected he would have nominated Grackle for the big event at Altcar next February. The deceased Baronet also had his racing colours registered, but he had not taken a very active part in this branch of sport for a number of years.

ASSOCIATION.

BENDIGO DEFEATED IN CUP REPLAY.

In the replay of the final tie of the qualifying round of the Free State Cup yesterday, at Dalymount Park, Drumcondra gained a victory over Bendigo by one goal to nothing, scored by McCarney thirty minutes after the start, and qualified to meet Jacobs in the first round proper on January 8th.

Though to some extent handicapped in having to find a couple of substitutes for two of their regular side, absent through injuries, Drumcondra were always the better balanced side, being the more effective in combination. Through the field and towards goal their movements were, as a rule, well executed, but the forwards lacked the finish to enable them to overcome the stubborn defence. This was mainly brought about by the feeble wing play of Murray and Fleming, and the inside players had to make their own openings. Both Gilhooly and Byrne, the Bendigo full-backs defended ably. They were over-run in the first ten minutes, but subsequently put up a fine performance. The weakness of Bendigo's half-backs was the principal cause of their defeat. Their play was in contrast to the work of the winning trio, who, smartly led by Grace as pivot, dominated the play.

Bendigo were outplayed in the opening period, and if Drumcondra had crossed with a three goals lead it would have only represented the run of the play. That they did not do so is a tribute to the work of the fulls and Pidgeon in the Bendigo goal.

The game was played at a fast pace, Drumcondra attacking right from the start. Keogh missed a penalty for hands against S. Robinson in the first few minutes, and subsequently both Murray and McCarney should have scored from favourable positions. When the Bendigo backs settled down, Drumcondra's forwards found more difficulty in getting within range, and it was thirty minutes after the start when McCarney headed a good right centre over Pidgeon's head for the goal.

The second half was more evenly contested, and Bendigo had several opportunities of scoring, but the disjointed work of the forwards in the goal area spoiled the good play through the field.

Result:—

Drumcondra 1
Bendigo 0

Teams:—

Drumcondra—Clery; Keogh, Moore; Cooke, Grace, Maxwell; Fleming, Swan, McCarney, Cullen, Murray.

Bendigo—Pidgeon; Gilhooley, Byrne; S. Robinson, Coyne, Whelan; Leonard, C. Robinson, Hand, McLoughlin, Delaney.

Referee—Mr. Staines.

M. O'BRIEN AND DERBY COUNTY.

A QUESTION OF REGISTRATION.

The registration of M. O'Brien, the Irish International, for Derby County was considered at a meeting of the Management Committee of the English Football League, at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, yesterday afternoon.

O'Brien played for Hull City before going to America, where he assisted Brooklyn Wanderers. While away he was transferred, by arrangement, from the Hull City books to the Derby County Club. The transfer, however, had been held in abeyance until the Football League had the opportunity of interviewing O'Brien.

The Management Committee after their meeting issued a statement to the effect that they were prohibited by rule from approving any demand by O'Brien by way of presumed accrued share of benefit. The Committee also fined Hull City £100 and Derby County a similar amount, for contravening the rules. The Committee, the statement went on, desire to make it clear that in future they will not only refuse to approve payment by way of presumed accrued share of benefit to players offered reasonable terms by their clubs, but that the players will be severely dealt with, and their registration declined until inquired into and approved. The registration of O'Brien for Derby County was accepted.

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BOXING IN BELFAST.

KEEN BOUTS AT THE ULSTER HALL.

The benefit to Harry McLarnon, ex-bantamweight champion of Ireland, attracted a big crowd to the Ulster Hall, Belfast, last night.

Jim Hanna (Belfast) champion bantam of Ireland, and Jim Neill (Govan) opened the proceedings in a ten three-minute round contest. Hanna, who has no fear of in-fighting, won practically every round, and the Govan man was the recipient of heavy body punishment. Hanna won easily on points.

The second bout was between Billy Yeates (Belfast) and Joe McGonigle (Wishaw), who were matched over a journey of ten two-minute rounds. Yeates knocked his opponent out in the seventh round with a heavy left swing to the solar plexus.

Jim Thompson (Belfast) and Billy McHugh (Leith), two welter-weights, were the next pair in the ring. They put up a great slam, Thompson visiting the boards in the first round. The unorthodox methods of Thompson handicapped the Leith man, who weakened in the sixth session and was knocked through the ropes, the towel being thrown in.

The tit-bit of the evening was a twelve three-minute round bout between Frank McAlorum (Belfast) and Eddie Donoghue (Middlesbrough), who were matched as light-weights. The bout was fought on scientific lines. Donoghue made use of a straight left, scoring rapidly. McAlorum, however, levelled up matters at in-fighting. The fourth round was fought at a fast pace, first one and then the other having the advantage. The Englishman, after looking beaten, made a marvellous recovery. McAlorum punched him to a standstill in the seventh round but was unable to knock him out, and a splendid contest resulted, a draw being declared. The decision did not please the crowd, as McAlorum appeared to have won on points.

Albert Johnston—brother of the better-known Len Johnston, of Manchester—met a Londoner named Syd Butler. The fight was a short-lived affair. Butler, who proved green but game, was outclassed from the start. Johnston, smart and clever, opened out with an effective left-hand, which kept the Londoner at bay, and he picked up the margin of points. He was again easily on top in the second. The end came in the third. Wilting under a rain of snappy lefts and rights, Butler dropped for a count of eight. He was on his feet, groggy, but full of courage, and had hardly got going when Johnston sent him down again with a beautiful punch to the point. He was dead beat this time, and was counted out.

Billy Adair, of London, whose last fight in Belfast was a winning one, against Sam Stringer, outweighted Jim Connolly. He led throughout, and won comfortably on points.

M.C.C. TOUR IN INDIA.

TOURISTS' EASY WIN.

The M.C.C. team opened their Calcutta programme with a one-day match against a combined side of Anglo-Indians and Indians of Bengal, which resulted in an easy victory for the Englishmen by 119 runs.

Gilligan won the toss, and when lunch was taken the visitors had scored 322 for two wickets, Sandham, in a little over two hours, contributing a faultless 112. Gilligan declared during lunch, and the home side were got out for 103. Tate capturing five wickets for 46, Geary three for 23, and Astill two for 23.

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for Derby County was considered at a
of the Management Committee of the
Football League, at the Grand Hotel,
ster, yesterday afternoon.
e Hall Ground before going to
s where he assisted Brooklyn Wanderers.
ers was transferred to Aberdare,
e Hall City broke up shortly afterwards.
The transfer, however, had been held over
it until the Football League had the oppor-
tunity of reviewing the case. The Transfer
Management Committee after their meeting
a statement to the effect that they were
ly fair from supervision any demand by
by way of presumed accrued share on
The Committee also fined Hall City £100
City County a similar amount, for contraven-
rules. The Committee, however, decided
to make it clear that in future they will
to require as a condition precedent to any
accrued share of benefit to players offered under
ide terms by their clubs, but that the
will be severely dealt with, and their regis-
declined until improved offers and
gistration of O'Brien for Derby County was
XING IN BELFAST.
KEEN BOUTS AT T E
ULSTER HALL.
benefit to Harry McLarnon, ex-bantam
champion of Ireland, attracted a big crowd
Ulster Hall, Belfast, last night.
Hanna (Belfast) champion bantam of
Neill (Ormeau) opened the pro-
in a ten three-minute round affair,
who has no fear of in-fighting, won
ally every round, and the Ormeau man was
imed on a heavy body punishment. Hanna
sts on points.
bout was between Billy Yeates
and Joe McGonigle (Lisburn), who gave
over a journey of ten two-minute rounds.
knocked his opponent out in the seventh
with a heavy left swing to the solar plexus.
Thompson (Belfast) and Jack Hamilton
two welter-weights, were the next pair in
The former gave a great display.
the boards in the first round
dex methods of Thompson handicapped the
man, who weakened in the sixth session and
knocked through the ropes, the towel being
in.
bi-bit of the evening was a twelve three-
round bout between Jack Morgan
and Eddie Donoghue (Middlesbrough).
were matched as light-weights. The lads
on scientific lines. Donoghue made the
light left, scoring rapidly. McLarnon, boxed
developed up matters at in-fighting. The
round was fought at a fast pace, first
then the other having the advantage.
ma, after looking beaten, made a marvellous
McLarnon punished him severely at stages
seventh round but was unable to knock
and a splendid contest resulted, a draw
declared, decision did not please the
as McLarnon appeared to have won on
Johnston—brother of the better-known
Johnston, of Manchester—met
Syd Butler. The fight was a short-lived
Butler, who proved green but game, was
ced from the start. Johnston, who
opened out with an effective left-hand
Butler's head, was never at his easy, and he picked
a margin of points. He was again easily
in the second. The end came in the third.
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dropped for a count of eight. He was on
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN DULL, BUT INTERESTING.

COURTAULDS CLOSED GOOD.

With the Christmas holidays, the coming settlement, and the end of the year influences all dominating the immediate future, the Stock and Share markets in Dublin and elsewhere were again particularly quiet, with stagnation often prevailing and elements of weakness and strength at certain points apparent. Government National Loan gave way and War Loan 5 p.c. Stock finished easier. An odd lot of Munster and Leinster Banks was disposed of at a concession. Royals were held for a higher price. Guinness Ord. opened with continued strength, but then tended to ease, and lost most of the earlier gain, while the Pref. Shares also turned dull. Marconi Shares were quoted lower at an adjustment price to fit in with more recent quotations the other side. Rails were dull and lower on balance, but Loop Line Debs. were much higher. Tramway Shares were better. The feature in Drapery Shares was a decline in Todd Burns Pref. Lower prices were current for most Manufacturing Shares, in which Tobaccos shared. Dunlop Rubber Ord., after the overnight rally the other side to well over 28s., drifted back to 27s. 6d. at the opening market, and closed eventually at 27s. 7½d. Coats and Bradford Dyers both gave way. Trading and Oil Shares were featureless, with practically no business current. Courtaulds opened rather erratic, and a few were picked up at 94s., with general business at 95s., but at the later market large buying set in, and the price, opening at 95s. 6d., was gradually carried up to 96s. 9d.

LONDON STEADY.

TIN SHARES WEAK.

Although the volume of transactions in the London Stock markets yesterday remained on a small scale the general tone was steady to firm. Tin shares, however, were an exception, and share values were marked down owing to a further fall in the quotation for the metal. Dealings continued on a rather small scale in the gilt-edged section, but final levels as a rule were much the same as before. Foreign Government Stocks were quiet, but here and there a firmer tendency was manifest. The slightly firmer tendency evident in Home Rails on Tuesday was again manifest, but price movements, although in favour of holders, were few and far between. The traffic returns made a better showing, the decreases being:—North-Eastern, £91,000; Great Western, £27,000; Midland, £22,000; and Southern, £13,000. Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, Argentines opened firm, but an easier tendency set in later, and the initial improvements were lost. Industrials as a whole were quiet and steady in tone. Textiles displayed a firmer appearance, and Tobaccos hardened after initial weakness. In the Brewery group, Bass Ord. improved on the announcement of the fusion of interests with Worthington. Iron and Steels were a trifle harder in places. Dealings commenced in the Amalgamated Press new shares, the Pref. being 3d. discount, and the Ord. (10s. paid) 22s. 3d. Rubbers were idle. Oils were irregular, but among Mines, Sub Nigel again provided a good feature. Diamonds were also harder in places.

KINGDOM OF BULGARIA 7 PER CENT. SETTLEMENT LOAN, 1926.

The subscription list for the offer of £1,750,000 7 p.c. Sterling Bonds of the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7 p.c. Settlement Loan, 1926, was closed at 9.5 a.m. yesterday. The prospectus appeared in yesterday's *Irish Times*.

SHIPBUILDING LOSSES.

The directors of the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company report that during the past year there has been no improvement in the position of the company, and that, following default in the payment of interest on the Prior Lien Debenture Stock, a receiver was appointed, and he now holds all the assets of the company.

WORLD'S HIGHEST DAM.

Sir Leslie Wilson opened, on December 10, the Bhandarn Dam at Bombay. The dam is a huge engineering work, an achievement of which Britain may be proud. It will be 270 feet high above the river bed; is one of the highest dams in the world. It will contain 15,000,000 cubic feet of water, and the lake area will be over six square miles. The canals will irrigate about 10,000 acres, and will bring water to, perhaps, the most famine-stricken district in India. The total cost will be over Rs.15,000,000.

"RUBBER FACTS AND FIGURES."

Mathieson's "Rubber Facts and Figures" (2s.) for December is brought up to the end of November, and is a thoroughly reliable guide to the position of all rubber companies (16 Copthall avenue, London, E.C.2).

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

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PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

GLASGOW.—Fat cattle forward in much smaller numbers. All classes met an improved demand, and an early clearance was effected. Top quality extreme bullocks and heifers 72/-, current 64/- to 68/-, secondary heavy 50/- upwards per cwt., live-weight. Sheep also a light market, and a sharp dear trade. Down lambs 74/-, crosses 68/-, half-bred ewes 62/6, Cheviots 50/-.

EDINBURGH.—Small show of store cattle. No sheep on offer. Trade for cattle very quiet. Polled bullocks sold to £22, and Cumberland cows to £38.

WAKEFIELD.—Small supplies, with a slow trade at rather lower prices. Best beef 10d. per pound, secondary 9½d., third 8d. to 8½d. Young sheep 14d., medium 13d., heavy animals 10d. to 1/-, ewes and tups 6d. to 8d. Cattle 187, sheep 417.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT cargo market quiet, but prices fully steady for North American grades on scanty offers. Plate descriptions, however, were in liberal supply. No. 1 Northern Manitoba sellers 56/9, No. 2 hard winter December 56/6, white Pacific December 55/-, Australian December 56/-, January 54/9, Barusso (63lbs.) January 51/6, February 50/3. Parcels firm and good business transpired in Australian to U.K. and near Continent. Australian loading sold 55/- to 55/3, South Australian/Victorian loading to Hull/Dunkirk 55/-, Victorian afloat London and Hull 55/3, ditto Liverpool 55/-, afloat to Manchester 55/6, Barusso (63½lbs.) 8th January loading 53/-, No. 1 Northern Manitoba December-January 55/9 per 480lbs. MAIZE quietly steady; Plate steamers afloat sellers 30/-, loading 30/-, and for shipment to February-March 29/9; Dan.-Gal.-Fox. loading 31/6. Parcels quiet; Plate to Bristol Channel January sold 28/7½, March 28/9 to London, Plate November-December done 28/10½, December-January 28/7½, February-March 28/9 per 480lbs. BARLEY quiet and without material change. OATS steady; Plate December sellers 21/-, January 20/-, January-February, also February-March, 19/9; Chilian January-February 21/3 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE CORN.—Market ruled quiet, while of a holiday character, and price changes unimportant. The Exchange will be closed on Friday and Monday next. WHEAT firmer; No. 1 Northern Manitoba quoted 60/6, No. 2 ditto 59/6, No. 4 54/3, No. 2 tough Manitoba 56/6 x.s., all per 496lbs.; English 11/2 to 11/10 per 112lbs. FLOUR steady; London standard grade 47/-, town whites 48/-, patents 49/- to 50/- per sack, delivered in the Home Counties, with 6d. to 1/- less for deliveries in London districts. Of imported Manitoba patents range from 44/- to 46/6, Minneapolis 44/6 to 47/-, Kansas patents 43/- to 44/-, Australian 43/6 to 44/- per 280lbs., ex ship. MAIZE easier; Plate landed 32/3, do. x.s. 30/9, Plate Cinquantine 36/6 landed per 480lbs. BARLEY steady, but inactive; Californian 40/- to 47/-, Chilean Chevalier 32/- to 56/-, do. brewing 38/- to 48/-, Australian Chevalier 47/- to 50/- x.sh. per 448lbs. No. 3 Canadian Western 34/-; Persian landed 30/-, Russian 32/6, Plate 31/3, both x.s.; Plate landed 32/9 per 400lbs. English malting 9/6 to 16/3 as to sample, feed 8/9 to 9/6 per 112lbs. OATS steady, quiet; La Plata landed 23/-, do. x.s. 22/- per 320lbs. English 8/- to 8/6 per 112lbs. MILLERS' OFFALS steady; broad bran quoted 7/9, middlings 7/9 to 8/-, fine do. 9/6, bran included x.m.; feed oatmeal 9/3, light oats 8/3, ground oats 12/- per cwt. f.o.r. OATMEAL unaltered; London made flaked 17/6, rolled oats 16/6, medium, also fine cut, 16/6, coarse pinhead and whole groats 16/- x.m. per cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—The futures market will be closed from 1.30 to-morrow until 11.30 the following Tuesday morning for the Christmas holidays. Higher quotations from Winnipeg and Chicago caused forward deliveries of wheat here to improve fairly during early trading, then prices fluctuated moderately, but later on again moved upwards, and with encouraging late afternoon cables final rates showed a liberal advance on the day. C.i.f. parcels of Victorian 24th December sold at 55/- to 55/6 per quarter. C.i.f. parcels of MAIZE River Plate afloat sold at 28/3 to 29/-, December-January and February-March 28/6, January-February 28/6 to 28/7½ per quarter. Wheat on the spot firm but quiet. Maize spot parcels quiet at 6/7½ to 6/8 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet and unaltered; official price of straight run 44/6 per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. to ¾d. per cental dearer, then fluctuated slightly, but later on again hardened, the market closing steady and 1½d. over Tuesday night. Maize options nominally ½d. lower; closing prices, December 6/5¾, January 6/5 per cental.

GLASGOW.—Wheat firmer, but inactive. No. 1 Manitoba 57/6 December. Maize unchanged, and demand still very slow. Oats—Fair inquiry for home-grown at last prices. Barley steady, with rather better inquiry for malting types. Flour—All kinds quoted slightly dearer, but trading is dull.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—There was again only a limited inquiry for Irish, Danish and Canadian, but late prices repeated. Holders of American still free sellers, and prices, though not quotably lower, ruled in favour of buyers, with little inquiry for any selections, Cumberlands exceptionally meeting more inquiry in some instances. HAMS still freely offered and dull of sale, long cut being further reduced to 110/- to 116/- and short 104/- to 115/- per cwt. Shoulders unchanged, but business of only limited extent. LARD on the spot quietly steady for both prime steam and American refined, but buyers operate only cautiously. CHEESE steady, but demand of only a moderate consumptive character. BUTTER slow of sale, the recent decline in Danish failing to stimulate buyers to any appreciable extent. EGGS quietly steady at 27/6 to 30/- for Irish and 9/- for Egyptian per 120.

LONDON.—BUTTER—Market quiet, and prices for Danish and Dutch are lower, with others mostly unaltered. CHEESE in slow request. BACON depressed, and large Danish killings of 82,000 for the week naturally fails to help matters. Officially, Danish reduced 6/- per cwt., Swedish 4/-, and Canadian 3/- to 4/- per cwt.; Irish unaltered.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Smithfield).—Supplies to market yesterday 2,102 tons, made up as follows—767 tons British and Irish produce and 1,335 tons imported. BEEF—Fresh trade dull at much easier prices. Chilled trade dragging; prices for hinds easier. Scotch short sides 6/4 to 7/4, ditto long 5/8 to 6/4, English 4/4 to 5/8, States and Canadian (Birkenhead killed) 4/4 to 5/-, Argentine hind quarters (chilled) 3/8 to 4/4, ditto fore quarters 2/- to 2/4. MUTTON—Fresh—Poor demand; prices fell. Frozen—Limited demand. Scotch 6/- to 7/-, ditto tegs 6/4 to 7/8, English 6/- to 7/-, ditto tegs 6/8 to 7/4, Irish 5/8 to 6/4, ditto tegs 6/4 to 7/-; New Zealand wethers 3/10 to 4/6, ditto ewes 2/10 to 3/-. LAMB—New Zealand 5/4 to 6/10, Australian 4/10 to 6/4. PORK—Small pigs met a steady trade at fairly firm prices. Sows in short supply at firmer rates. English (small) 10/- to 11/4, Irish 9/8 to 10/8; English, 10 to 15st. 8/- to 10/-, ditto 15 to 20st. 6/8 to 7/8, over 20st. 5/8 to 6/4; frozen New Zealand 6/8 to 8/-, ditto other countries 4/4 to 6/8, sows (fat) 5/6 to 5/8. VEAL—Demand restricted and prices easier; English fat 6/4 to 9/4, ditto bobbies 5/4 to 6/4. EGGS—Trade slow and prices unchanged. Per 120—English new laid, first grade 24/6 to 26/-, second grade 22/6 to 23/-, cold stored 15/6 to 16/6, pickled 13/- to 14/-; Irish cold stored, 16-17lbs., 17/- to 17/6; Danish, 15½ to 16lbs., 25/6 to 26/-, 18lbs. 27/6 to 28/-; Dutch brown 27/6 to 28/6, mixed 25/- to 26/-, ducks' 16/- to 16/6. POULTRY, GAME and RABBITS—At per lb. or each, as the case may be, as follows:—Surrey chickens (per lb.) 1/6 to 1/9, country 1/2 to 1/6, Irish 1/1 to 1/4, Belgian 1/5 to 1/7, French 1/3 to 1/5, Dutch 1/1 to 1/3; English hens (old) 9d. to 11d., Irish 8d. to 9d.; English geese 1/- to 1/2, Irish 9d. to 1/-; country ducklings 1/2 to 1/4; English turkeys 1/8 to 1/11, Irish 1/6 to 1/9, French 1/6 to 1/8, Italian 1/4 to 1/5, Hungarian 1/3 to 1/5, Styrian 1/2 to 1/4; English pheasants (each), best 4/6 to 5/-, second quality 3/- to 3/8; English partridges, full sized young, 4/- to 4/9, small 2/6 to 3/-, old 1/- to 1/4; Guinea fowl 3/6 to 3/9; English hares 4/-, Scotch 1/3 to 2/-; tame rabbits (per lb.) 7d. to 9d., wild 6d. to 8½d. LIVE POULTRY—This year's chickens (per lb.) 1/2 to 1/4, hard 9d.; hens, large heavy fat 10d. to 1/-, small or plain 8d. to 9d.; ducks, old fat 8d. to 9d., medium 7d.; tame rabbits 6d.; pigeons (each) 7d.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Sales for the fair arrival of vegetables were good, and everything cleared at following prices:—York cabbage 35/- to 52/- per load, Savoy 20/- to 39/- per load, swede turnips 1/2 to 1/4 per cwt.; cauliflowers 2/6 to 4/9 per dozen, sprouts 2/- to 3/6 per float. Apples 2/6 to 5/- per tray.

CORK BUTTER.—The market continues quiet, with prices steady. Creameries 168/- to 172/- per cwt., choicest salted 172/- upwards.

DUBLIN FISH.—Demand was good for the rather full supply of fish for a mid-week market—viz., 133 boxes on one steamer, 2 chests lobsters, 200 pairs herrings, 100 boxes mackerel, and prices ran as follow:—Large lobsters 12/6 to 15/-, seconds 8/- to 10/-, small 2/6 to 5/- per lot of 13; large soles 30/- to 40/-, mediums 20/- to 25/-, slips 5/- to 7/6 per 9 pair; turbot 6d. to 10/- each, brill 6d. to 3/- each. Box fish—Plaice 20/- to 60/-, codfish 20/- to 50/-, whiting 10/- to 30/-, white soles 30/- to 40/-, congers 15/- to 20/-, ray 15/- to 20/-, haddock 20/- to 30/-, pollock 12/6 to 20/-, hake 20/- to 30/-, ling 10/- to 15/-, gurnard 3/- to 5/- per half box. Herrings averaged 8/- to 12/6, mackerel 8/- to 9/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Good supplies; steady demand. Soles 16d. to 20d., slips 12d. to 16d. per lb., live eels 15/- to 28/-, dead 10/- to 24/- per draught, turbot 18/- to 32/-, brill 10/- to 14/-, plaice 8/- to 15/-, halibut 14/- to 22/-, lemon soles 16/- to 20/-, whitches 6/- to 13/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, whiting 2/- to 5/-, hake 9/- to 12/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 3/- to 6/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Market quiet with regard to actual parcels, and quite a holiday tone was apparent. Spot quotations remained unaltered. Forward positions firm, quiet. Czecho granulated ready 18/9 f.o.b. White terminal easy with fair transactions; December sold 18/2¼, January 18/3, March 18/6¼, May 18/9¼ to 18/8¼, August 19/-, September 18/6, December 17/2¼. COFFEE—Spot market quiet but steady. COCOA—Accra F/F January-March sold 61/- to 62/- f.o.b. TEA—Market virtually closed for the holidays. SPICE—Pepper firm; Lampong October-December sold 11¼d., January-March 1/0¼, Muntok October-December done 1/7, January-March 1/7¼. JUTE generally firm; firsts November-December quoted £30 15/-, December-January £30 12/6, January-February sold £30 12/6, February-March £31 to £30 17/6, and March-April £31. HEMP—Manila firm, unaltered. SHELLAC—T.N. March sold 192/6 to 194/- and 196/-, May 195/- to 197/6. COPRA again firmer; F.M.S. Straits January-February Rotterdam sold £26 5/-, Ceylon December-January £27 12/6. PALM KERNELS—November-January quoted £19.

RUBBER—Market dearer on covering orders and steady inquiries from manufacturers. Plantation standard sheet spot and December done 1/6¼, January 1/7, January-March 1/7¼, April-June 1/7¼. OILS—Linseed firm with fair inquiry; spot quoted 31/-, January-April sold 30/4½, May-August 30/3. Rape, cotton, castor, and coconut unaltered. Turpentine easier; American spot 60/3, January to June 61/-. Rosin irregular.

OILSEEDS—Linseed quiet but fully steady; Calcutta to London December-January sellers £16 17/6, ditto April-May £16 7/6; Plate to Hull December-January £14 17/6, January-February, also February-March, £14 12/6. Rapeseed steady; Toria to Hull-Continent December-January sellers £17 10/-, January-February £17 7/6. Cottonseed maintained; Egyptian, black to Hull December-January quoted £8 11/3, white £8 [illegible]; Bombay January-February £7 10/- per ton. TALLOW—No auctions held, but privately the market ruled quietly steady, with rather more interest evinced in muttons at the larger range of prices recently established, chiefly on home trade account. Shipments from Australasia for November totalled 3,800 tons, compared with 3,600 tons same time last year.

CLYDE SUGAR.—The market was steady, with a firm undertone.

LIVERPOOL.—SUGAR—Messrs. Tate and Lyle's quotations:—Crystals, No. 1 35/9, small No. 1 35/3, No. 2 34/-, bright 33/10½; granulated, standard 33/9, H.T.S. 33/10½, coarse 34/1½, fine 34/1½ ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery in London, less 1½ p.c. discount—First quality 38/-, H.T.S. 37/9, afternoon tea 38/3.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.—American Futures—After improving at the opening values reacted on renewed hedge selling. Later in the day, however, prices again rose on further strength from New York, and the market closed steady. Spot sales, 4,000 bales (including for export 100 bales). American Futures—Tendency steady. December, 6.54d.; January, 6.59d.; February, 6.62d.; March, 6.68d.; April, 6.73d.; May, 6.80d.; June, 6.85d.; July, 6.92d.; August, 6.95d.; September, 6.98d.; October, 7.01d.; November, 7.13d.; December, 7.05d. Egyptian Futures—Tendency firm. January, 12.90d.; March, 12.56d.; May, 12.45d.; July, 12.35d.; October, 12.43d.

LONDON METALS MARKET.
FALL IN TIN.

TIN declined sharply in sympathy with lower Eastern cables and selling pressure, but offerings were well absorbed. On balance cash ruled 63/- and forward 35/- per ton lower compared with the final rates of Tuesday. Standard cash quoted £303 15/- to £304, three months £296 5/- to £296 10/-, settlement price £303 15/-; 1,000 tons sold; cash at £304 5/-, £303 10/-, and £303 15/-, three months £297, £296, and finally registered at £296 5/-; English ingots quoted £301 15/-. COPPER declined on liberal selling orders, cash showing a net loss of 7/6 and forward 5/- per ton on balance. Standard cash quoted £56 12/6 to £56 15/-, three months £57 10/- to £57 12/6, settlement price £56 12/6; 750 tons sold; cash at £56 15/- to £56 12/6, three months £57 10/- to £57 11/3; electros £64 5/- to £64 15/-, wire bars £64 15/-. LEAD quietly steady. 600 tons sold; good soft foreign pig January at £29 6/3, February £29 8/9, March £29 10/-, settlement price £29 2/6; English quoted £30 15/-. SPELTER quiet at about late rates. 200 tons sold; February £32 17/6, March £32 16/3 to £32 17/6, April £32 17/6, settlement price £33 2/6 per ton.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—Pig iron quotations yesterday were easier. No. 3 Scotch quoted 100/- f.a.s. Glasgow; No. 3 Middlesbrough, 87/6 f.o.b. Middlesbrough; mixed numbers East Coast hematite 92/6 forward delivery.

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